

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

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Are you a Palo Alto resident? **Yes**

Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members? **No**

Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for? **Yes**

Fair Political Practices

No

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No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission?

Other: Commissioner for planning Adriana Liederer

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Personal and Job Experience

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

San Jose State University
Pupil Personnel Services Credential in School Counseling, CWA, LPCC Coursework
University of Southern California (USC)
Master of Communication Management
Claremont McKenna College
Bachelor of Arts (Dual Major) in Government and Spanish, Cum Laude with Honors
JL STANFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL
School Counselor 2021 – Present
LATINXAMERICA MEDIA LLC,
Founder, Host & Social Entrepreneur 2018 – Present
SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
Summer Cohort Elementary School Counseling Intern
Summer 2020
HENRY GUNN HIGH SCHOOL & FLETCHER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Counseling Intern
7th Grade Counseling Intern AY 2019-2020
UNIVISION COMMUNICATIONS INC.
Freelance Consultant 2014 – 2019
Partnership Director, Community Empowerment and Social Impact
THE COLLEGE BOARD
Senior Director of Diversity Initiatives, Relationship Development 2003-2014

Company/Employer Name

JLS Middle School

Occupation

School Counselor

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Team co-manager, Palo Alto Soccer Club 12b Blue & Blue (2019-2023)

Track & Field and Cross Country Coach, JLS (2022-Present)

Regional Board Member, Common Sense Media 2020 - 2022

Board Member, America Association of Hispanic in Higher Education 2018-2020

Co-founder, PAUSD Latino Parent Network, January 2018 - 2022

Vice-President for Outreach, Palo Alto Unified School District PTA, March 2019

Ohlone Elementary School Auction Co-chair, August 2019 – March 2019

Hispanic PTA Liaison, Palo Alto Unified School District, 2017 – March 2019

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

As a resident and a parent, my family has benefited over the years from the wonderful offerings from our Parks and Recreation department. I have been actively involved in many gatherings co-sponsored by our city and I have seen first hand the work that the staff and volunteers put in to make these. event successful.

I would like to join the commission to share my perspective and leverage my experience to continue to support our community through thoughtful planning and oversight. I would be an active member of the commission and bring new ideas and potential new partners.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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I am interested in the issue about better utilizing limited space with high demand sports such as pickle ball. I am the co-sponsor of the pickle ball club at JLS and we had over 50 kids on the first day we launched the club. Many of the kids knew how to play because a grandparent taught them. We have very limited space in lit courts, so I really appreciated the spot checks made by staff, the input from the community, and the process through which new hours were determined.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

**1. Increase effectiveness in maximizing usage of parks and recreation space to better serve our community
2. Revise/update the Youth Master Plan to reflect current needs
3. Develop and get approval for a master plan for Cubberley which fairly meets the needs of various stakeholders**

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection.

[Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan \(2017\)](#)

Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (2017): [Community Services and Facilities Element](#) & [Natural Environment Element](#) [Baylands Master Plan \(2008\)](#)

[Park Dedication Ordinance \(Municipal Code\)](#)

[Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan \(2012\)](#)

[Youth Master Plan \(2003\)](#)

[Cubberley Community Advisory Committee Report \(2013\)](#)

[Concordia Master Plan \(2019\)](#)

I was in charge of youth services at the Palo Alto Area Red Cross when the Youth Master Plan was developed. I have also been following the Cubberley development planning closely and issues regarding open space.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

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Yes

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Signature

Name of signatory: Adriana Flores-Ragade

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02/27/2023

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name **Amanda (Mandy) Brown**

Address

City

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Cell Phone Number

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Email Address

Are you a Palo Alto resident? **Yes**

Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members? **No**

Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for? **Yes**

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Alternate Contact Information - Email

Personal and Job Experience

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration.

(621 characters max)

BS from Boston University

Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from San Jose State University

Advanced Certificate in Real Estate Development, San Jose State University

Masters in Public Affairs (MPA) from Indiana University

Employment Information

Company/Employer Name

Town of Hillsborough

Occupation

Senior Management Analyst

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

(1311 characters max)

Currently serving on the Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Commission (partial term)

Participated in Palo Alto's Basic Citizen Police Academy (Class 29)

Part of 2017 Leadership Palo Alto class, put on by the Chamber of Commerce

Volunteered as a Chamber Ambassador with the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce from 2017-19

Served as part of the PAUSD Renaming Schools Advisory Committee (RSAC) in 2016 to help determine whether or not to rename any of the schools in the district. Served as chair of the North Cluster group of schools.

Volunteer as a mentor for the PAUSD Advanced Authentic Research (AAR) program and have served as a mentor.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

(1449 characters max)

I have enjoyed my service on the Parks and Recreation Commission and the variety of policy issues I have participated in - from sidewalk vendor policies, court policy, dog park development, and more.

In my professional career I have worked with a variety of Parks and Recreation departments throughout California so have great familiarity with challenges faced and potential solutions. In particular, I have supported the development of strategic plans for parks and recreation departments for the cities of Pleasanton, Beverly Hills, and Tracy. I was born and raised in Palo Alto and have personal experiences at many parks in Palo Alto - learning to swim at Rinconada, learning to ride my bike at Eleanor Pardee Park, and admiring the donkeys at Bal Park. I strive to bring my professional experience, along with my personal knowledge of Palo Alto, to support the department's mission of providing a diverse range of programs and activities for the community and establishing a culture of health and well-being for families and individuals of all ages.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

(1449 characters max)

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A recent issue that came to the Parks and Recreation Commission is the Court Usage Policy update. I am proud to have served on the Ad Hoc Committee for this project and have participated, first hand, in collecting the data used to inform the final decision. As part of our efforts, we heard from all stakeholders as well as went out to all lighted courts on various days to conduct court counts, so we had a solid understanding of court usage and demand. I believe the City's regular updates to the court policy reflect its responsiveness to the community's needs, rooted in data-based decision-making.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

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If reappointed, I would like to see the PRC continue its recent record of making policy recommendations to City Council with a wide range of stakeholder input. Since the COVID pandemic, there has been heightened demand for dog parks. Something I would like to see is smaller, pocket-sized dog parks spaced throughout the city to provide more accessible options for families with dogs to walk to enjoy these spaces.

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I have experience with these documents during my current service on the PRC.

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Amanda Brown

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12/28/2022

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Bing Betty Wei
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Postal Code	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

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No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission? **Community Group**

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Personal and Job Experience

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I'm a global executive with 20 years of experience in public and private sectors by driving social impact through partnerships & CSR. I managed a cross-functional team with a focus on education & healthcare at Cisco, and built partnerships between California locally and internationally as a SVP for the Bay Area Council (www.bayareacouncil.org). I was highlighted as Leader for June Immigrant Month in 2021 by the Presidential Leadership Scholars & was selected as one of the scholars in 2016.
In my own PR/GR consulting service- The Word International Inc (www.thewordinc.com), I help local businesses grow and expand to serve the community, including artists & authors. Please refer to my linked profile too: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/bingwei/>

Company/Employer Name

The Word International Inc (www.thewordinc.com)

Occupation

CEO and Founder

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I have a long & broad community leadership services since my arrival in 2000 in SF.
Notably in Palo Alto since I was a resident starting 2007-
I have served as the VP and Board for the Neighbors Abroad (NA) of Palo Alto since 2016. I have pitched to PA City Council to start an MOU with Yangpu of Shanghai since 2012. I established a sister city between Palo Alto and Yangpu of Shanghai in March 2018. I led Mayor Liz Kniss's delegation to our Shanghai sister city with Bob Wenzlau as the Chair of NA and Jim Keen as City Manager.
In San Francisco, where I used to live, I co-founded "Advocates for Chinese Education" in 2006 and worked with Gov. Newsom (then SF Mayor) to establish Mandarin programs in two public schools which revived two schools facing closing down.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

During my over 20 years of corporate and public policy professional experience, I have built many partners in my corporate and public policy professional career. The Parks and Recreation Commission is compatible with my collaborative leadership style and drives to serve the community. I admire the phenomenal work already accomplished by all the Commissioners and its strong leadership. The Asian American population is now the majority in Palo Alto, which is 38% (as per 2020 Census data). As a resident of 16 years, I could contribute from an Asian American perspective to enhance cross-generational learning using the park and community center space. I am most interested in bringing more arts, dramatic plays, and dance created by our youth and seniors.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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Meetings. I am impressed by the commissioners, who are competent, thoughtful, and very collaborative. What caught my most interest was the success of the Community Art Project at Bay Land with the climate change focus, which attracted many, as described in the Staff Report on the January 24th, 2023 meeting. The adult dancing programs are also interesting- <https://midpenmedia.org/parks-recreation-commission--1242022/>

These are the two areas I could contribute my strength to serve by bringing arts, theater, and dance into our parks and community centers.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

If appointed, I would apply my love of nature & my hobby as a calligrapher, poet, and novelist to bring Shakespeare plays to PA parks, sculptures to open spaces, and poetry-reading/music/dance events to engage our youth as our seniors. Therefore our young/elderly generation will enjoy more in nature more, care about climate change, and practice arts and stage theatre. Thus these two age groups could find cross-generational learning in the process, and both will find a substantial fulfillment and purpose in life and increase our community health. I would also bring my professional experiences in building patterns and work with the Arts Commission and various city departments to make it happen. With my career focusing on CSR, I would also like to seek corporate partners and sponsorship in Palo Alto, such as Tesla, VM Ware, whom I have worked with, to raise funding from them to such projects.

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If appointed, I would be honored to work on the 2017's plan for Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces & Recreation Master Plan. This is an ambitious and well-thought-through plan. I have had the experience of reviewing architectural master plans in my most recent consulting work for a boutique hotel group. The scale is much smaller in my boutique hotel-group master plan, with sustainable travel as the primary focus. I've found the considerations are similar - to preserve natural lands and local native/ethnic traditions, explore or expand new classes or art production, interconnect the various biological systems, and develop new possibilities for outdoor activities with natural surroundings. The common goal is the same, too: to re-invigorate the local community and help the population to be mentally and physically healthy.

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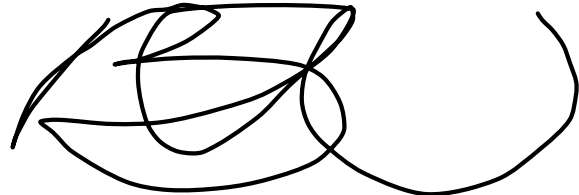
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Signature

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First-Generation Asian American Belonging Matters

- By Bing Wei

“Peace in ourselves, peace in the world” - Thich Nhat Hanh (1926-2021) “Compassionate toward yourself, you reconcile all beings in the world.” — Lao Tzu (6-5th Century BC)

We meant to celebrate the beginning of the Year of the Rabbit in late January. Instead, our Chinese/Asian American community experienced the collective trauma of two shootings — the first in Monterey Park in Los Angeles and the second in Half Moon Bay in the Bay Area.

Both gunmen were over 60 Chinese Americans living in distressed conditions in their respective cities as first-generation immigrants. While gun control in America is an ongoing debate for solutions across all communities, I want to highlight that both shootings ***subverted the model-minority notion of the Asian American community***. Mental health issues among the first-generation immigrant community and elder care have surfaced. I applaud the Biden Administration for providing a fact sheet of [resources](#) after both shootings. However, we need to look deeper into the fundamental needs of the first-generation Asian American immigrant and identify long-term sustainable solutions.

The two shootings revealed that many first-generation Asian immigrants work underpaid jobs, such as on rural farms in Half Moon Bay or as an angry dance teacher collecting guns in LA, planning his revenge due to jealousy. In both incidents, older shooters took what an ordinary, mentally-stable person might consider a minor matter — jealousy in a relationship or a workplace supervisor’s unfair comments — to take multiple lives to express anger and demand attention. We all agree that these incidents of domestic or workplace violence were crazed. However, reflecting on the details of the events suggests that this is the critical moment to re-examine the “model-minority” identity that generations of Asian Americans have carried through the assimilation process. It is high time we question this narrative and look more closely into the actual situation of the lower social-/income-status group of the Chinese American population, especially first-generation immigrants.

In this essay, I want to focus on disparities among Asian Americans and the urgent need to care for first-generation immigrants, especially our elders. I want to suggest five solutions that Asian American advocacy groups and the White House AAPI Commission might consider to address the situation.

The phrase “model minority” was first created by sociologist William Petersen. Petersen described his research on Japanese Americans and how they had become financially and academically successful shortly after migration. He lauded this group for their work ethic, talent in math and science, strict parenting, social obedience, and conformity, explicitly contrasting them with other “problem minorities.” However, with waves of migration from various parts of

Asia over the last twenty years, the Asian American population has become far more diverse. Nevertheless, the model minority myth persists. The model minority myth stereotypes all Asian Americans as intelligent, hard-working, diligent with a Tiger Mom parenting process, and therefore, more academically and economically successful than other minorities. This stereotype drives a wedge among marginalized immigrant groups and puts colored minorities against each other.

The reality is that the rate of Asian Americans living below the poverty line is 12.6%, higher than the U.S. average of 12.4%. Chinese Americans are the largest Asian origin group in the U.S., making up 24% of the Asian population, or 5.4 million people. Around six-in-ten Asian Americans (57%), including 71% of Asian American adults, were born in another country. By comparison, 14% of all Americans – and 17% of adults – were born elsewhere. Among the current Chinese American population, 43% of those aged 50-65 were born outside the USA and came to the States as adults (Pew Research).

The 2020 US census data shows a sharp increase of over 35% in the Asian American population compared to 2010. Among 7% of America's 25 million AAPI population, 60% are first-generation immigrants. Therefore, the newly-arrived immigrant population is over 15 million among the 25 million AAPI community.

During COVID, AAPI-owned businesses saw the most significant decline through the end of 2020. The jobless rate for AAPI communities rose from 2.8 percent in 2019 to as high as 15 percent — well above the rate for whites and Latinos. Income inequality is now more significant in the AAPI community than among any other group in America. Growing anti-Asian sentiment worsened these disparities over the past year, especially for low-income Chinatown businesses, nail salons, dry cleaners, and small restaurants. The majority of such small Asian business owners have limited English proficiency. They struggle with language and cultural barriers. They have no road-maps to enter the mainstream of American society. The award-winning Hollywood film “Everywhere and Anywhere All at Once” illustrated immigrant families’ struggle with cross-generational values, culture, and language clashes. It is worth noting that more than one-third of AAPI communities have linguistic and cultural challenges in America. In their newly adopted country, they possess little social or cultural capital, let alone political capital. If they work as a farmer, a massage therapist, or a janitor, they are underpaid and overworked with no social life after work-life. Mentally, they live in the limbo of being part of a diaspora and newly arrived immigrants. They have a limited sense of belonging in America. They may care for, in the distant, elder parents, siblings, and relatives in their birth country, who might live in poverty or under oppressive regions.

It is significant that during the Asian hate crimes of the last two years, attacks against seniors were increasing. This is a pivotal moment to look deeper into the stark contrast between the Asian-American narrative and the actual life situation of many 21st-century Asian American. We must provide concrete solutions to the socially underprivileged in the Asian American

community. This is also the time to call for collaboration among all Asian ethnicities and between older and more recently founded Asian Advocacy groups to work together.

How do we transform our Asian American identity and create more belonging for first-generation immigrants? We must allow and encourage Asian Americans to hold on to the best ancient Asian values they have grown up with while incorporating American/Western rationalism and pioneering spirit. We must lift the Asian American narrative to a new level so that our Asian values can contribute to mainstream American culture and society to ignite a new America with inclusion, compassion, and mindfulness.

There are five measures we can adopt immediately:

1. Promote cross-generation learning at the individual, community, and institutional levels.
2. Understand the traditional Chinese/Asian rituals that resonate well in the USA and apply them here to heal our Asian American and all first-generation immigrant communities.
3. Establish more multilingual and multicultural schools from K-12 in our American mainstream education system.
4. Expand the mental health care facilities and accessibility for first-generation immigrants with adequate language assistance.
5. Increase Asian American political representation to push for policy change for the above four items.

For taking Solutions 1 and 2 into action, below is why and how -

Coming from a heritage where my ancestors were from a Confucian country, I found the two shooting incidents poignant. I was raised with values in China focused on a strong sense of filial duty. Offering incense at our parents' and ancestors' altars was a daily practice. I have also realized how much the Asian community festivals benefit the community's mental health. While applauding that California has made the Lunar New Year celebration an official holiday this year and the White House for celebrating the Lunar New Year for the first time, I want to explain the deeper purpose of the first two weeks of the traditional Lunar New Year celebration. This elaborate festival involves treating our elders with a banquet feast, performing dragon/lion dancing to amuse them, and worshiping the ancestors with incense and a bowing ceremony. It also honors our seniors with an opportunity to pass on classical calligraphy, riddles, and poetry to the younger generations, along with the red envelopes of fortune money. These cross-generational rituals provide our seniors with a sense of purpose and pride to teach youthful generations. Such community festivals are joyful experiences for our seniors.

Cross-generational learning applies to over half a dozen Asian festivals, such as April Tomb Sweeping, the June summer solstice celebration, September Mid-Autumn Festival, and

especially the October Double-Nine (Senior Day) Festival. Little known in the West, during the Double Nine Senior Festival, the younger generation takes their seniors hiking, enjoying nature, picking chrysanthemum flowers, and worshipping their ancestors at their tomb site together. Little known in the West, the Double Ninth Festival (falling into the Lunar Calendar of September 9th) originated in 25AD and is designed to celebrate our seniors. It is celebrated in all North East Asian countries in Japan, China, Korea, etc. Taiwan made this day Senior Citizen Day in 1966. In Japan, this Festival is considered one of Japan's five most sacred ancient festivals. The Diwali Festival of India also embraces community, family gatherings, and the spiritual meaning of lighting outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects them from spiritual darkness.

These festivals could be reactivated in America, starting with Asian American and first-generation immigrants in their Community Centers. Observing these rituals would serve several practical purposes: enhancing community mental health, creating calmness, and reducing conflict. To regain such practices and re-create Asian values in America will produce effective social change in Asian American communities and American society as a whole.

For Solution 3, let us look at the data in 2022. Around 20% of American residents speak two or more languages, and approximately 5 million students in the United States are English Language Learners. There are about 3,000 dual-language programs nationwide, and 9% of them have a Hispanic orientation. However, a severe shortage of accredited dual-immersion language teachers in California is a problem that significantly limits education options for Asian language-speaking students. According to the California Department of Education, over 1,000 bilingual accreditations were issued in the 2019-2020 school year; however, only 89 teachers were accredited in an Asian language.

Nearly 60% of children under five in California have at least one parent who speaks a language other than English. Those same children are 160% more likely to live under the poverty level than peers with English-only speaking parents. Non-English speaking households in California would collectively earn \$30 billion more, or \$15,519 more per household, if they earned as much as their bilingual counterparts. Viewed as a deficiency in the past, bilingualism is increasingly treated as an asset in the national job market, according to the [Bay Area Council Economic Institute](#).

Multiple intelligence expert Howard Gardner has ranked verbal-linguistic intelligence as the first and most crucial since the 1980s. Bilingualism and multilingualism have been proven to be the initial tool to overcome xenophobia and promote cross-cultural understanding among mainstream Americans, Asian American, and various ethnic groups. It is also essential in enhancing cross-racial dialogues and collaboration. We should also implement Asian practices of Kung Fu, Karate, Yoga, Tai Chi, and meditation into our K-12 system to educate a conscious mind, non-violence communication, and a holistic approach to self-care as well as mental and physical health.

We need the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders([AANHPI](#)) to help promote and fund multilingual education in the USA for public schools where the low-income Asian American population can benefit. We would also like well-funded Asian advocacy groups like the [Asia Society](#) and [The Asian American Foundation](#) to step up. Both organizations have an education track that could consider funding multilingual K-12 schools in America.

For Solution 4, we need to address the key challenges first. Asia Americans face three barriers to accessing mental health care: cultural stigma, language challenges, and finally, cost and time availability of providers. Compared to those of other racial and ethnic backgrounds, Asian Americans are least likely to receive mental health treatment. Only 21% of Asian adults with a mental illness received care in 2020, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (EBN). Overall annual average estimates for the [2008 to 2012 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health](#) found that of all racial groups surveyed, Asian adults were the least likely to use any mental health service (Guardian). For the senior community of Asian Americans, the severe social/cultural stigma and cultural barrier prevented them from talking to their own families about their mental health issues, let alone venturing to a healthcare provider. The Asian American advocacy groups should identify the urgency of this situation and work with the major providers and social worker groups who are linguistically and culturally fluent to reach out to the Asian American communities starting from the senior groups.

For Solution 5, the challenges for the Asian American communities are similar to what is stated in Solution 4. Most first-generation Asian Americans have cultural and language barriers to understanding the ballot. They are seldom registered to vote, even if they are ineligible to, let alone running for office. The voter turnout of Asian Americans has been increasing since 2016; however, compared to other ethnic groups, they remain low. More than two-thirds of registered Asian Americans surveyed say they plan to vote. Still, only about half have been contacted by either of the major parties, according to the [APIA Vote](#).

To reiterate, among first-generation immigrants in America, Asian Americans are the only major racial or ethnic group where the majority of eligible voters are naturalized citizens. A smaller share of Asian American eligible voters (43%) are U.S.-born citizens (Pew Research). The help needed for Asian American seniors, especially first-generation immigrants, to register to vote cannot be underestimated. The second element is the increasing number of Asian Americans running for political office since the hate violence increased during and after COVID. Still, at the national level, only 15 representatives and two senators of Asian-American descent currently serve in Congress (Wikipedia). This means we only have 3% representation in the House of Representatives and 2% in the Senate, while the total Asian American population is 7% and 25 million people. In California, the Asian American population is 18%, and the political representation in all levels of seats (from City to State Senate and Assembly) remains low, at 6%.

We need to call for organizations engaged in civic engagement, such as the three-year-old nonprofit Stand with Asian American and the 20-year-old [Asian American Public Affairs](#), to work together with institutional cross-generational learning (as pointed out in Solution 1 above) to educate Asian Americans, especially first-generation immigrants, to register to vote and train some of them to run for a political office.

In summary, the first-generation immigrant population comprises most of the AAPI community and has a vast disparity in educational, financial, and civic engagement levels. From my experience as an educated and privileged first-generation immigrant, it is now a critical time to help the less fortunate in our group create a sense of belonging in our newly adopted country. After the essential step of belonging, we would be empowered to bring resources from our previous culture and country to our newly adopted land. We can replant our roots here to contribute to the Asian American community and mainstream America. The privileged, well-educated, and accomplished among us have the responsibility to help address the equity issues inside the Asian American community. This is the only way to help heal collectively. This is also a pathway to raise public awareness of our community's trauma and struggles. Impactful and powerful Asian American groups can, in the process, help first-generation immigrants access mainstream American resources. As such, the first-generation Asian immigrants will thrive by taking their previous classical values to be a part of mainstream American society and embracing their new country with confidence, pride, and a stronger sense of purpose.

As a country of immigrants, we will then thrive together!



BING (BETTY) WEI



Brief Bio

Ms. Bing Wei advocates for Asian American causes focusing on first-generation Asian American immigrants. Highlighted as the Immigrant Leader of the month in June 2021 by the [Bush Center](#) and selected as a [Presidential Leadership Scholars](#) (PLS) in 2016, Ms. Wei has accomplished her community leadership role by transferring her over 20 years of professional experience as a global social impact executive. As a social impact leader and entrepreneur, Ms. Wei has focused on CSR and DEIB via her corporate career at [Cisco Systems](#) and as a senior executive at the policy advocacy group the [Bay Area Council](#). In recent years, she has been mentoring Asian CEOs to grow their companies and developing Asian American narratives via her consulting company, [The Word International Inc.](#) On the local community leadership level, Ms. Wei has been a Stop Asian Hate movement leader in the Bay Area. She organized rallies, was invited to speak at many rallies, and read her poetry for vigils.

Since 2006, Ms. Wei has been a critical leader in the SF Bay Area in implementing Chinese language programs in the San Francisco public school district. She co-founded the grassroots non-profit Advocate for Chinese Education, now a board member. They worked with Governor Newson (then SF Mayor) to revive two nearly-closing down SF housing-project elementary schools by implementing Mandarin immersion programs in 2008. Such programs were featured on CNN. The two Mandarin immersion programs at the SF public schools tremendously inspired the Latinx students who started to learn Mandarin as their third language.

Ms. Wei attended Harvard Business Schools' Executive Education of Women on Boards. She is a lifetime Fellow of the London Chartered Institute of Marketing. She holds a BA Honors in English and Media from the University of Sussex of the UK, where she serves on the Business School's Advisory Board. She also serves on the Neighbors Abroad Board of Palo Alto, where she established a Sister City between Palo Alto and the Yangpu District of Shanghai in 2018, the first of its kind (between a Chinese district and a US city) in the US-China sister city history.

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Graduated Stanford Business School in 1983. I began managing in Palo Alto Little League in 1983 and did so for the next 25 years. I sat on the board for about 12 of those 25 years.

As a resident, I have utilized the baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, soccer fields, trails at the Arastradero Preserve and most recently and regularly the pickleball courts at Mitchell Park.

I am now 80% retired (I work flexibly 20% for my former employer) so while I am extremely active (I play in two baseball leagues, play pickleball 4-5 times weekly, own and ride two horse adjacent to the Arastradero Preserve, bike ride regularly), I will be able to make the time to contribute to the Parks and Rec Commission.

Company/Employer Name

Retired (80%)

Occupation

Formerly, President of Axcis Information, Inc., an information services business

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Last Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Palo Alto Little League - manager and board member - 1983 to 2007

**Volunteer for Travel Baseball Teams - 2019-2021
California Harness Horseman's Association board member - 2012 to 2018**

Application Questions

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Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

I think I pretty well covered this in a previous answer. I am a 30+ year resident of the city and through my kids and personally, have gotten great use of the wonderful facilities in our city. Combined with my business background (and training at Stanford Grad School of Business), I think I can add value to the board, especially looking at cost-benefit analysis which can be "overlayed" on many situations and decision making processes.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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One situation on-point is the tennis court versus pickleball court discussion. Such a situation is ripe for cost-benefit analysis that would be right up my alley. I just started playing pickleball about 4 months ago and very much understand the situation and can bring my expertise to this issue.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

**1) Very "micro" level case is the one discussed above, pickleball versus tennis (or just adding pickleball)
2) Investigate closer use of baseball/softball fields to local and outside P.A. organizations - look (likely again) at the use of turf (and lights) versus grass for baseball fields. I have played or coached on nearly all fields and have again training in economic analysis of similar tradeoffs (in this case grass vs turf)
3) Specifically look at usage of Arastradero Preserve and access to it. Current issues are parking, safe crossings and upgrading of the trails themselves.**

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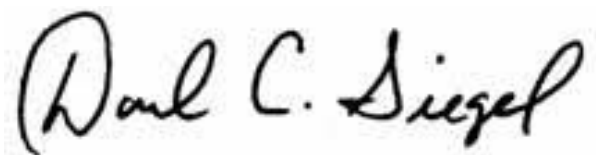
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Signature

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DAVID C. SIEGEL

Experience: 1992-2021	AXCIS INFORMATION NETWORK, INC. (d/b/a TrackMaster) , Mountain View, California <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i> for on-line service/Internet company <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Company creates, markets, distributes and supports software and on-line access to highly refined information for Thoroughbred and harness horse racing• Brought the company onto the Internet in early-1995• Brought the company to profitability shortly after promotion to CEO in 1997• Instrumental in getting company acquired by Equibase, a Jockey Club Company, in 2000• Developed initial products, product extensions and new products including Equibase Speed Ratings• Managed all business development and marketing activities• Directed the company into GPS tracking business (timing, graphics provisioning, charting of races)
1989-1992	ORIGINAL PRODUCTS, INC. , Mountain View, California <i>President and Chief Operating Officer</i> for consumer products company developing and marketing sports and entertainment licensed products <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conceived and developed new products, sales and marketing strategies• Managed shareholder relations, outside financing and budgeting processes• Responsible for product and production management• Implemented accounting and order fulfillment systems
1986-1989	INNOVATIVE LEISURE , Palo Alto, California <i>President and Founder</i> of major Northern California entertainment venue <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed business plan and raised startup equity capital• Directed company into uninterrupted profitability after four months• Responsible for marketing, finance & operations and supervision of 20 employees• Negotiated sale of company three years after founding; original investors doubled their money
1983-1986	THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP , San Francisco, California <i>Consultant</i> for management consulting firm specializing in strategy development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed analysis of businesses and presented recommendations to clients• Worked for telecommunications, banking, mining and chemical clients• Directed recruiting of professional staff
1980-1981	AT&T LONG LINES , New York, New York and Bedminster, New Jersey <i>Management Development Program</i>
Education: 1981-1983	STANFORD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS , Stanford, California Masters of Business Administration degree
1976-1980	UNION COLLEGE , Schenectady, New York Bachelor of Arts degree, summa cum laude, in economics and mathematics
Additional Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Married (since 1985), two adult children• Palo Alto Little League: Board member, umpire and team manager (1982-2007)• Harness Racing Driver with over 500 wins: Named 2007 US Amateur Driver of the Year; represented USA in International 2008 "World Cup" competition (finished 3rd); turned pro in 2009• Vice President – California Harness Horsemen's Association (2015-2018)• United States Trotting Association: Director (2010-2013, 2017-current)

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Jeff LaMere
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Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

Fair Political Practices

No

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How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission?

Other: Currently serve on PARC

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Current PARC Commissioner 2017-Present
Palo Alto High School Head Coach Varsity Boys Basketball 2019-Present
Stanford University, Assistant Athletic Director/Director of Basketball Operations 2008-2016
Virginia Commonwealth University, Assistant Basketball Coach 2002-2006
Duke University, Director of Basketball Operations 1996-2002

Company/Employer Name

PAUSD

Occupation

Basketball Coach

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

In addition to coaching basketball at Paly, I am involved in Palo Alto Little League and 4 City youth basketball. I am also a current commissioner with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

My long experience in college athletics, both in coaching and administration, and now my work as a high school head coach, is very compatible to the mission of the Park and Recreation Commission. Additionally, I have served on the Parks and Recreation Commission since 2017. This combination of experiences has given me a view into the importance of the recreation and parks and open spaces that Palo Alto provides. We are fortunate for the amount of parks, activities and opens spaces, and I realize the importance of protecting the open spaces while expanding our offerings of activities - in particular to youth and seniors.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

Archived video meetings are available from the [Midpen Media Center](#).

One of the more interesting issues to come before the commission recently, is the racquet court policy. The pickle ball community is extremely well organized and vocal. They also have a sport that has rapidly increased its user base. The delicate balance to increase court space for pickle ball while respecting existing tennis users is difficult. The commission has done its best to listen to both groups and study court usage to find the best available solutions. With our existing infrastructure, the tension between these two groups will remain, especially during evening use times.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

The preservation of open space is extremely important. The most difficult questions concern how we balance our environment/open space with active recreation. This is seen in the recent city council decision regarding e bikes in the Baylands. Additionally, determining the future of Cubberley is something that needs to be resolved. The site is falling into disrepair as evidenced by the gymnasium that has been out of use for almost two years due to flooding. How we find a solution with the school district is challenging, but necessary. Finally, I would like to do what I can to see the proposed skatepark come to fruition. This is certainly a need for our youth and other stakeholders, but more importantly it symbolizes that youth have a voice within our city and can be a catalyst for change.

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During my time on the commission, I have reviewed all of these documents. I am most familiar with the Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces and Recreation Master Plan.

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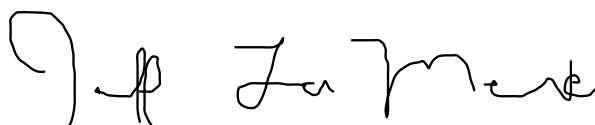
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Name of signatory: Jeff LaMere



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Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Jonathan Ward
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Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

Fair Political Practices

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I am newly retired Director of Program Management at Dolby Laboratories in SF, before that I was a senior manager of process reengineering at Apple, Sales Manager and Project Manager at Siemens, and I was in sales for multiple start up companies. I have led multiple cross functional teams (individuals that report to me and individuals that do not report to me) in delivering significant organizational changes to companies. My strengths include project management, team leadership, managing people, and process improvement.

I graduated from UCLA with a Bachelors in Science in Psychology and have lived in Palo Alto for 25 years.

Company/Employer Name

Dolby Laboratories

Occupation

Retired

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Last Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I am actively involved in the University Club of Palo Alto as a board member since 2017 (former president 2020).

I have volunteered as coach with the local AYSO, Little League, and National Junior Basketball teams for my children.

As a board member of Palo Alto Little League from 2011-2014 I changed the fundraising model from the declining attendance Bat-A-Thon model to a much cherished Year Book model.

As a board member (volunteer uniform coordinator and treasurer) of the Palo Alto National Junior Basketball (PANJB) from 2014-2019 I was involved in the transition from PANJB to 4CITY organization.

My wife and I are active members of the First Congregational church

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

My wife and I actively use many of the wonderful parks in Palo Alto, especially Foothills nature preserve. Simply put I am an avid nature lover and want to be involved in the future of our open spaces.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

Archived video meetings are available from the [Midpen Media Center](#).

I am interested in the Palo Alto Gym / Wellness project

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I simply want to help provide good stewardship and oversight to the various wonderful Palo Alto assets managed by Parks and Recreation

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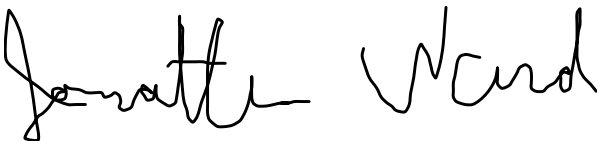
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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Jonathan Ward

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Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Joy Oche
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Home Phone Number	
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Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

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Education:

1) Harvard Business School, Boston, USA - Launching New Ventures Executive Education (2015)

2) Master of Science, Environmental Engineering, Newcastle University, UK Distinction (2008)

3) Bachelor of Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria (2003)

Training: Program Management, Sustainability and DEI Professional certification (PMP, PMI-ACP, PRINCE 2, LEED Green Associate, ISI Envision Sustainability, GRI Reporting, John Maxwell Leadership certification, FitWel Ambassador, NEBOSH Health & Safety certification, Scrum Master, Corporate Board readiness, etc)

More than fifteen years varied experience

Company/Employer Name

Amazon Lab 126

Occupation

Sustainability Technical Program Manager

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

- Current Volunteer Commissioner for Parks & Recreation (May, 2022 - March, 2023)**
- Current Palo Alto Soccer Club Mom & Regular use of Palo Alto Recreation services (2021 - 2023)**
- Fellow, Pacific Regional Environmental Leadership Network (2020 - Till Date)**
- RCCG Zion Sanctuary Sunday School Teacher (2017-2019)**
- Volunteer Member of Hope Mosaic Church Choir NY Roosevelt Island (2018 - 2019)**
- Volunteer UNICEF Peer Educator & Coach, After School Talent Development Initiative (2015 - 2017)**

Application Questions

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As the wise quote states “Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller.

In the past year that I have volunteered, I have seen the value that the Parks & Recreation Commission provides in its role to receive community input concerning open space and parks/recreation activities. Everyone in the community deserves to be heard; being a single mom and woman of color, I know firsthand the positive impact of being heard and fair responses implemented.

My late dad instilled in me, that community service is a form of expressing gratitude and an opportunity to demonstrate exemplary leadership. He used to say "Never stand in the sidelines & complain when you can roll your sleeves and join in making things work!"

I meet with all the specified requirements: I am an open minded and conscientious lifelong learner. I have relevant skills, relevant experience, the ability, willingness and a unique perspective as an immigrant who has lived in the UK.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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Parks and Recreation Commission Recommendation to Adopt an Ordinance Amending PAMC Section 22.04.220 to Regulate Electric Bicycles and Electric Coasting Devices in Parks and Open Spaces on Monday, January 23, 2023. E-bikes are becoming more popular and I believe that there is a need to create some guidelines as E-bikes continue to change, we track those changes, create adequate awareness so we do not encroach into animals' habitats and cause unwanted displacement, instead we provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?
- More alignment line with 3 of the City Council's 4 top priorities (more economical, safety and sustainability conscious)**
- 1) As a Certified ISI Sustainability Professional & Trainer, I will like to progress conversations I started with the ISI Envision Sustainability organization so City staff can be trained for free & as a community we cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, address environmental justice, meet climate-change targets in addition to our capital projects incorporating resilience & win internationally recognized awards after verification.**
 - 2) As a member of the PRC Fundraising adhoc, maintain ongoing partnerships with non-profit friends groups such as PARF and Friends of Parks to seek donor funding to support Community Services Department.**
 - 3) Liaise more with the Youth Council to build better mentorship opportunities, gain exchange of innovative ideas for effective delivery of services and programs. for the community; and promote the expansion of Golf opportunities for Youth.**

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I have some experience with the Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, and Recreation Master Plan and it was a great resource to prepare me to serve in the past year. I look forward to read all the other documents in their entirety and find ways to apply it during service if my application back into the Commission is approved.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please [Joy M Oche .pdf](#) upload below.

Please confirm that you have read the Boards and Commissions Handbook.

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Joy Oche



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Joy Oche

B.Eng. MSc. PMP PMI-ACP PRINCE2 ENVSP CSM NREP LEED® Green Associate
To pursue lifelong learning and inspire others to do the same.

Education

- Harvard Business School, Boston, USA - Launching New Ventures **Executive Education** 2015
- Master of Science, Environmental Engineering, Newcastle University, UK **Distinction** 2008
- Bachelor of Engineering, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Nigeria 2003

Work Experience

Amazon

Sustainability Technical Program Manager, Amazon Lab 126 Sunnyvale, California. May, 2022 – Till Date

- Redesigned the team's main internal stakeholder facing communication mechanism (Sustainability Playbook), with an improved format to provide awareness and advance company's Path to Net-Zero Carbon emissions by 2040.
- Mobilizing the onboarding of new programs into ForeSIE, an information enrichment platform to automate the collection of sustainability related data for Lifecycle Assessment (LCA) calculation.
- Ongoing partnership and collaboration with cross-functional teams (Energy, Hardware, Design Tech, Supply Chain, etc) to advance sustainability programs, energy efficient devices, process optimization with minimal overhead within schedule targets.
- Creation and management of tools and mechanisms (Program Quips, Office hours, Weekly status updates and meetings etc) for efficient and smooth delivery of the team's program management and Climate Pledge Friendly badging certification process gained through third party organizations.

Rose International

Program Manager, Apple Recycling Contract, Sunnyvale, California August, 2021 – May, 2022

- Executed smooth project delivery of projects including the successful completion of three (3) major equipment commissioning projects, material flow analysis project to promote recyclability metric development for 4 (four) major LOBs (MacBook, iPhone, iPads and Apple watches) and implementation of Kaizen, Lean Management and Ergonomics principles.
- Co-facilitated the implementation of the Sustainable Electronics Reuse and Recycling (R2), ISO 14001, ISO 45001 and ISO 19001 standards to transform the facility into a secure scrap closed loop one.
- Coordinated stakeholder management with vendors and other cross-functional teams; led weekly project meetings and provided leadership regular project status updates.
- Launched team building events to promote productivity, motivation & build trust among employees.

Keish Environmental

Senior Environmental Manager, BART Silicon Valley Ext. Phase II project January, 2021 – August, 2021

- Facilitated due diligence and compliance monitoring of project's Environmental Commitment Record (mitigation measures, sustainable design requirements and best management practices).
- Performed internal quality control and auditing of deliverables and prepared clients' submittals for third-party sustainability verification and award application.
- Developed technical specifications for Request for Proposal (RFP) inclusion; enhanced requirements management for diverse business functions in line with environmental regulations.

Alternative and Renewable Construction

Environmental Project Manager May, 2018 – December, 2020

- Provided program management support to cross-functional teams and successfully hosted the \$600M contract Industry Outreach, resolved post-event issues and facilitated post-event meetings with potential clients.
- Delivered onboarding and capacity building support, prepared project control deliverables, spear headed intern mentoring and project action register management.

Diamond Pearls Agro Allied Ltd*Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) Manager**May, 2016 – May, 2017*

- Developed and implemented policies, procedures, and management systems in line with local labor laws and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Environmental and Social Performance standards in preparation for IFC's private sector funding.
- Facilitated stakeholder engagement forums for field-based staff, suppliers & host communities.
- Delivered more than fifty (50) workforce education and training presentations for executive leadership and over a hundred staff. Maintained program budget and performed other ad hoc leadership duties.

National Environmental Standards & Regulations Enforcement Agency*Environmental Engineer**December, 2012 - May, 2016*

- Co-facilitated launch of formal electronic waste recycling and concept development of Extended Producers Responsibility initiative and Environmental Import Clearance permitting in Nigeria.
- Performed review of more than hundred national Environmental Audit Reports and Management Plans.

Diageo Plc (Park Royal, London) - Environmental Coordinator*January, 2009 – July, 2010***Guinness Nigeria Plc (Lagos, Nigeria) - Environmental Manager***July, 2010 – December, 2012*

- Championed the GreenIQ reduction program in line with Company's global goals (50% Carbon, 40% Water usage, 60% landfill diverted solid waste).
- Coordinated maiden KPMG Environmental Data Assurance exercise and spearheaded all focused investigations in relation to regulatory violations.
- Expedited environmental coordination and technical advisory for twelve global brewery sites using data visualization and data analysis to present KPI performance metrics to executive leadership.
- Co-facilitated successful launch of maiden innovative waste club/industrial symbiosis project.

Additional Work Experience

- Procter & Gamble, Safety, Environmental and Quality Management Company, UK **Researcher** 2008
- Diamond Bank Plc, Nigeria **Customer Service Officer** 2006 - 2007
- African Development Foundation **Administrative Assistant/Office Manager** 2004

Volunteering Experience

- City of Palo Alto **Commissioner for Parks & Recreation** 2022 – Till date
- Greene Scholars Science Fair **Judge** 2022
- RCCG Church **Sunday School teacher** 2017
- After School Development Initiative (ASTDi), Nigeria **Volunteer Educator/Coach** 2014 -2016

Certification

- Inclusion Institute Certified Diversity Practitioner Program **Certification** 2022
- WELL Accredited Professional (WELL AP) **Certification** 2022
- Corporate Board Readiness Program **Certificate** 2022
- Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate **Certification** 2021
- PMI Agile Certified Practitioner (PMI-ACP) **Certification** 2021
- John C. Maxwell Leadership Program **Certification** 2021
- Pacific Regional Network Environmental Leadership Program **Fellowship** 2021
- Ethics and Corporate Governance **Certificate** 2021
- Sexual Harassment and Abusive Conduct Prevention Training Completion **Certificate** 2021
- Anti-Corruption and Compliance **Certificate** 2021
- Project Management Professional (PMP) **Certification** 2020
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Standards Training **Certification** 2020
- Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI) Envision Sustainability Professional **Certification** 2020
- Scrum Alliance Certified Scrum Master **Certification** 2020
- Microsoft Office Specialist (Word, Excel, Visio, Outlook, PowerPoint) **Certification** 2017
- Projects in Controlled Environments Practitioner (PRINCE 2) **Certification** 2010
- National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health (NEBOSH) **Certification** 2009

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

Submission date: 20 February 2023, 4:06PM
Receipt number: 48
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Personal Information

Name Laura Granka

Address

City

Postal Code

Cell Phone Number

Home Phone Number

Email Address

Are you a Palo Alto resident? Yes

Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?

No

Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for? Yes

Fair Political Practices

No

California state law requires board/commission members to file a disclosure of financial interests ([Fair Political Practices Commission, Conflict of Interest, Form 700](#)).

Do you/your spouse have an investment in, or do you or your spouse serve as an officer or director of, a company doing business in Palo Alto which you believe is likely to:

1. Engage in business with the City;
2. Provide products or services for City projects; or
3. Be affected by decisions of this Board or Commission?

Excluding your principal residence, do you or your spouse own real property in Palo Alto?

No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission?

Community Group
Palo Alto Weekly
Other: instagram

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Personal and Job Experience

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

I received my PhD from Stanford, BS and MS from Cornell University, and have worked at Google since 2005 in a variety of roles. For the past 12 I have led organizations of various sizes (up to 150 people) largely in User Experience (UX). I currently lead a team of researchers, designers, program managers, and data scientists, which requires a significant amount of coordination, strategic planning, and most of all collaboration and leading inclusively to represent diverse perspectives. My research background and PhD necessitates critical thinking and careful assessment of multiple perspectives to reach well-reasoned conclusions, which is relevant for the committee.

Company/Employer Name

Google

Occupation

Senior Director of User Experience & Data Science

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I am 41 years old with 2 children (1.5 and 4), so until now have not had the bandwidth to give towards public service. I now have the time and passion to devote back to the community. Most of my community and volunteer activities are professional and academic — I frequently guest lecture or host university classes, I mentor other UX professionals in the community, and previously started a women in UX event series.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

I am an avid user of, and deeply passionate about the amenities, parklands, and policies that Parks and Rec is responsible for. I have lived in various neighborhoods in Palo Alto for the past 15 years, always using nearby parks, cycling paths, courts, etc. I recently purchased a home in Palo Alto, and chose this town over neighboring areas in large part due to factors that Parks and Rec is responsible for — our urban forests/ tree canopy, our pedestrian and cycling routes through the city, access to many wonderful parks and community centers and pool, and of course the safety for my children. I am excited for the upcoming agendas and 5 year plan for the Commission—everything from designing new facilities like skatepark and gymnasium, to the bicycle and pedestrian transportation plan, to ongoing capital improvements and renovations to existing parklands.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

Archived video meetings are available from the [Midpen Media Center](#).

Of particular interest to me was the recent concerns and policies regarding ebikes on trails. I understand the various factors making policing ebikes a challenge, but as a parent, am also concerned with the speeds at which the ebikes cruise through ped/bike-only paths. (I was also quite interested in the recent heavy debate amongst pickleball and tennis court priority! The passion there has motivated me to try out pickleball :)

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

Having been a renter in Palo Alto for nearly 14 years, and homeowner for one, I can represent the needs of young families and children, especially those who rent, as I find those voices are not as vocal or engaged in public service, and yet they represent a significant portion of our population. I am excited by the opportunities to expand Palo Alto's footprint in outdoor and indoor spaces, such as a new gymnasium and a new park. I love that our libraries throughout our city's neighborhoods mean convenience and pedestrian access for our residents and children, and I would especially love to help expand our community's offerings through new gym and park. I'm looking forward to updating the Bike-Ped master plan in the upcoming years, with careful consideration of community input and also any decisions made by rail committee, such that any ped-bike routes decided upon will continue to be useful and appropriate if and when grade separation construction occurs.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection.

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Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (2017): [Community Services and Facilities Element](#) & [Natural Environment Element Baylands Master Plan \(2008\)](#)

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[Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan \(2012\)](#)

[Youth Master Plan \(2003\)](#)

[Cubberley Community Advisory Committee Report \(2013\)](#)

[Concordia Master Plan \(2019\)](#)

I have reviewed these documents, with closest attention to the parks master plan and the bicycle-ped transportation plan.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

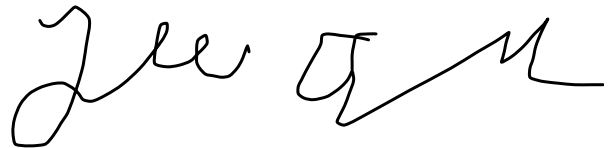
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Yes

View the [Boards and Commissions Handbook](#).

Signature

Name of signatory: Laura A Granka

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Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name **Mark**

Address **Weiss**

City **[REDACTED]**

Postal Code **[REDACTED]**

Cell Phone Number **[REDACTED]**

Home Phone Number

Email Address **[REDACTED]**

Are you a Palo Alto resident? **Yes**

Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members? **No**

Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for? **Yes**

Fair Political Practices

Yes

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How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission? **Email from the City**

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I give permission for the City of Palo Alto to post to the City's website the attached Board and Commission Application intact. I have read and understand my rights under Government Code Section 6254.21. I may revoke this permission at any time by providing written notice to the Palo Alto City Clerk.

Personal and Job Experience

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

Gunn High, 1982

Dartmouth College, 1986

Company/Employer Name

Earthwise Productions

Occupation

President and founder

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

I am not terribly enthusiastic about applying for the parks commission, or serving as such after numerous previous applications, but I wish to use this moment to remember Kent Lockhart, my friend, who was the greatest basketball player in the history of Gunn High, who died last month at age 59. I had spoken to the commission previously about naming basketball courts after famous Palo Altans.
I also spoke publicly or sent letters about renaming Foothill Park for a poet laureate Al Young.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

See previous statement.

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

Also, is it OK to name here that I have a concert on the books at Lytton Plaza March 11 with Stephan Crump, jazz bassist and April 20 with Edu Ribeiro Brazilian jazz trio?

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

All right, I will bite:

The amplifier ban at Lytton Plaza in effect since 2011 is not narrow tailored, and therefore likely not constitutional. The noise ordinance is sufficient.

Archived video meetings are available from the [Midpen Media Center](#).

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see **Pass.**

the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and
how would you help in the process?

(that's a basketball joke... The aforementioned
Lockhart was the assist leader for the number five
ranked Texas El Paso Miners...pass... meaning I will
not answer..versus pass meaning throw the ball or
help a teammate or fellow commissioner)

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For a while I had my own hard copy of the comp plan
the one that was in effect from about 1995 to 2017.
It's a bit off topic... May be better for the library
commission if we still had one... but I recommend the
book called " PALO ALTO..." by young author,
Malcolm Harris about democracy versus capitalism
here and worldwide

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please
upload below.

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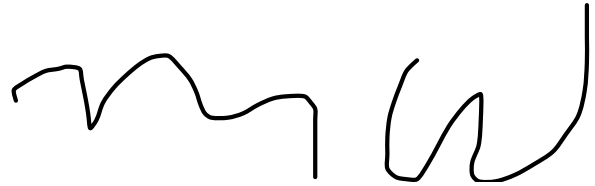
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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Mark B Weiss

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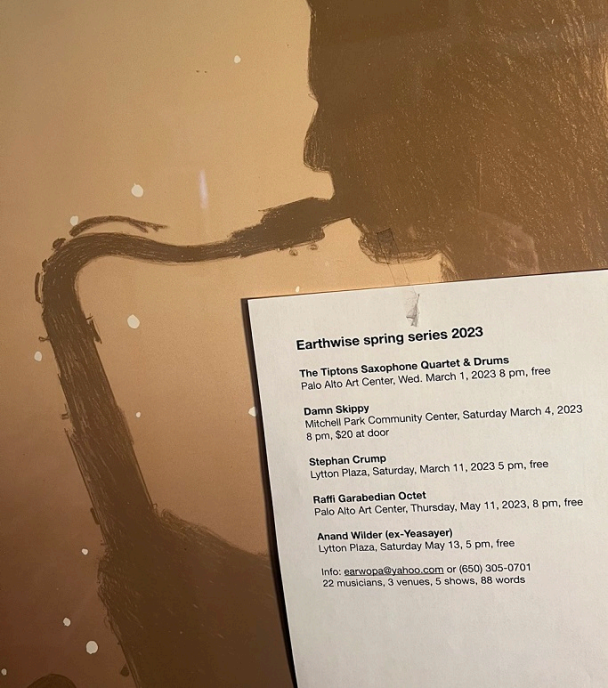
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Earthwise spring series 2023

The Tiptons Saxophone Quartet & Drums

Palo Alto Art Center, Wed. March 1, 2023 8 pm, free

Damn Skippy

Mitchell Park Community Center, Saturday March 4, 2023
8 pm, \$20 at door

Stephan Crump

Lytton Plaza, Saturday, March 11, 2023 5 pm, free

Raffi Garabedian Octet

Palo Alto Art Center, Thursday, May 11, 2023, 8 pm, free

Anand Wilder (ex-Yeasayer)

Lytton Plaza, Saturday May 13, 5 pm, free

Info: earwopa@yahoo.com or (650) 305-0701
22 musicians, 3 venues, 5 shows, 88 words



FORMER UTEP AND AUSTRALIAN BASKETBALL
STAR KENT LOCKHART HAS DIED



6:19



April 21, 2022
9:22 AM

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FREE CONCERT

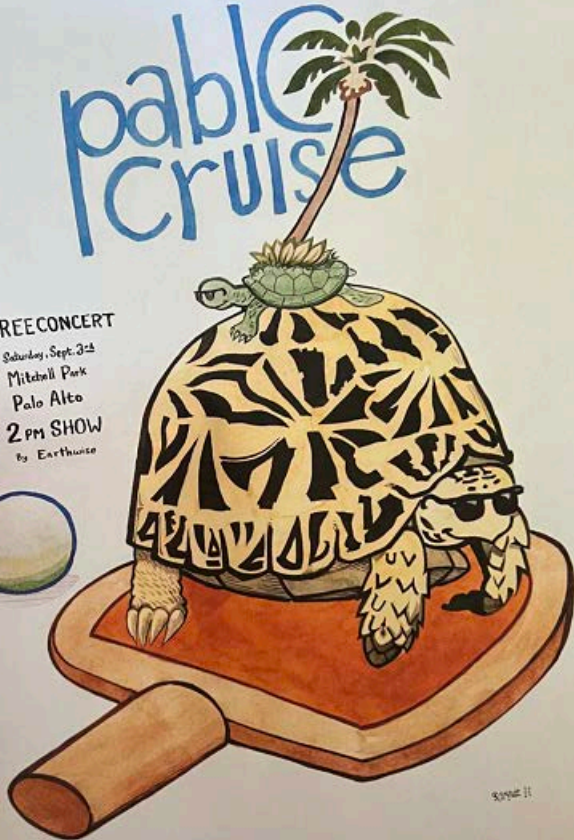
Saturday, Sept. 24

Mitchell Park

Palo Alto

2 PM SHOW

By Earthrise



guyat 11



Parks & Recreation Commission Application

Submission date: 16 February 2023, 12:28PM
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Personal Information

Name	Michael Breger
Address	
City	
Postal Code	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
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Since moving to Palo Alto in 2016, I have come to love its parks and natural spaces. I spend most evenings either walking through the city parks or riding my bike over to Baylands or Arastradero. I frequently play tennis and basketball at Hoover Park. As a Stanford Alumnus and current employee, I am very interested in giving back to this community that has given me so much inspiration and beautiful space for contemplation. I wish to continue the commission's work in collaborating with community members on all park-related matters. As a communications professional, I believe that I would be a welcome addition to the team insofar as I would provide a fresh perspective on ways to field community input and manage the relationship between the city and those that use its park resources.

Company/Employer Name

Stanford University - Walter Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center

Occupation

Communications Manager

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

In the last 5 years, I have volunteer experience with the Boys and Girls Club of Redwood City, the SF Marin Food Bank, California State Parks, and the Surfrider Foundation of San Mateo County. I am an Eagle Scout and have managed multiple community service projects in my home state of Virginia, particularly in Fairfax County Parks and Fairfax County Libraries. These projects included trail construction and maintenance, book drives, food drives, and parks beautification initiatives (removal of invasive species along the Potomac River and protection of native wildflowers via trail diversion at Riverbend Park).

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

My love for and use of the city's parks compels me to serve on a commission that can give back to the community. Every time I use the parks I think to myself, "I wonder how I can get involved and help keep these spaces functional for my fellow residents." I wish to maintain and enhance the public's ability to enjoy these parks both through communications initiatives and collaboration with maintenance groups. I am interested in maintaining open channels with Palo Alto residents to ensure that suggestions and concerns are heard and fielded.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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The opening of Foothills Nature Preserve to the public was a particularly contentious moment in the recent history of the City's parks, but was an important step forward in creating more equitable access to Palo Alto's resources on a regional level. As a resident, I enjoyed resident-only access prior to the public opening, but can still appreciate the park after the opening to the public. A suitable balance has been struck between the needs of residents and the needs of visitors, and I am interested to see how the management of its access will proceed in the future. I have followed the multiple discussions about how best to manage this particular park on the "Our Town of Palo Alto" Facebook group and through local media outlets.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

Continued innovative communications campaigns to the public, sharing the wealth of resources the City has to offer. Many young residents do not know about the wealth of "green space" in Palo Alto, and I would intend to help spread the word, especially to newcomers and young people. I would hope to continue the committees work in preserving these beautiful spaces, and maintaining their integrity. The quality of facilities at City Parks and our open space is unique in the Bay Area, and I would help keep it that way. Furthermore, I would like to collaborate with the Palo Alto Art Center to hold more public programs outdoors (En Plein Air painting classes, continuing STEM-ecological education programs for children at outdoor spaces, cleanup days, and community walking/cycling meetup groups for residents to meet and appreciate our "green space."

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[Concordia Master Plan \(2019\)](#)

I have referenced the Bicycle Pedestrian Transportation plan during my time as a Stanford University BeWell Ambassador, in which I helped provide resources for co-workers who were interested in switching to bike commuting. I continue to avail myself of the City's bike boulevards (Oregon and Bryant). I have also reviewed the Parks, Trails, Natural Open Space & Recreation Master plan to better acquaint myself with the City's policies and protocols as they relate to open space.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please [BregerCV_23.docx](#) upload below.

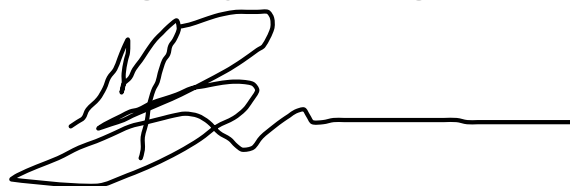
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Yes

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Signature

Name of signatory: Michael Breger

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02/16/2023

Michael Breger

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Master of Liberal Arts, 2022.

University of Virginia, Bachelor of Arts, History, Astronomy Minor, 2015.

University College, Oxford University, Study Abroad, 2013.

RESEARCH STATEMENT

My work, which spans the disciplines of literature, cultural studies, modern history, and critical theory, focuses on poetics at the mid-century and global cultural studies during the Cold War. I work within and between fields to theorize and innovate my methodological approach to archives, eco-critical inquiry, literary criticism, and literary comparison.

Primary Fields: Literature, Contemporary and Modern Philosophy, Modern History, Musicology.

Master's Thesis (in progress): *Witnessing the Eternal Within the Ephemeral: Allen Ginsberg's Observational Auto-Poesy and The Fall of America, 1965-72*

Advisor: Albert Gelpi

Undergraduate Thesis: *Building the Panopticon: Ideology, Discourse, and Rhetorical Method in the Presentation of Soviet Socialist Construction*

Advisor: Jeffrey Rossman

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

Communications Manager, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center (APARC), Stanford University, 2021-present.

Research Assistant to Professor Geoffrey Cowan, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, University of Southern California, 2021-present.

Event and Communications Coordinator, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREEES), Stanford University, 2018-2021.

Circulation Desk Clerk, Green Library, Stanford University, 2017-18.

Marketing Associate, Incorta, 2016-17.

Analytics and Data Visualization Consultant, Oracle, 2015-16.

Public History Intern, James Monroe's Highland, 2015.

Intern, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Assistant: GLOBAL 101 "Critical Issues in Global Affairs"

Stanford University, 2019-21

A seminar examining globalism and globalization in historical and contemporary contexts. Instructors: Jovana Knežević and Katherine Kuhns.

Instructor: INST 1550 "School of Rock: History of Rock and Roll Music"

University of Virginia, 2014

A seminar examining the origins, development, theory, and racial history of rock music. Taught under supervision of Scott DeVeaux, Professor of Music.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

"The Howling Inferno: Crying Out in Anguish to America," Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs National Conference, Rice University, October 2021. Winner of Student Presentation Award.

"In a Sentimental Mode: The Literary and Philosophical Strains of Dissent in Alexander Radishchev's Journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow," West Coast Graduate Liberal Studies Symposium, Dominican University of California, June 2021.

"From Havana to Moscow: Allen Ginsberg's Travel Writing Behind the Iron Curtain," REECAS NW: Northwest Regional Conference for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Ellison Center for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies, University of Washington, April 2021.

"Metropolitan Greetings: Allen Ginsberg Behind the Iron Curtain," Midwest Slavic Conference, The Midwest Slavic Association and The Center for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, Ohio State University, April 2021.

“Through Being ‘Cool’: Hard Bop at the Crossroads of Stylistic Evolution and Social Revolution,” Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs National Conference, Rice University, October 2020.

“A Bird in the Bush is Worth One in the Mind: Thoreau, Derrida, Cage, and Sonic Co-Presence,” Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs National Conference, Rice University, October 2019.

“Trousers That Are Not Trousers: The Primacy of Materiality in Balzac’s Paris,” West Coast Graduate Liberal Studies Symposium, St. John’s College, Santa Fe, June 2019.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Burning Missives Under Infernal Conditions: Speakers, Sympathy, and Dramatic Monologue in Dante and Ginsberg,” *Confluence: The Journal of the AGLSP*, expected 2022.

“In a Sentimental Mode: The Literary and Philosophical Strains of Dissent in Alexander Radishchev’s Journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow,” *Western Tributaries*, expected 2022.

“Metropolitan Greetings: Allen Ginsberg Behind the Iron Curtain (Havana to Moscow),” *Beatdom*, 2021.

“The Howling Inferno: Crying Out in Anguish to America,” *Beatdom*, 2020.

“Towards a Musical Modernity: Jazz in the Iranian Context and Imagination from 1925 through 1979,” *Stanford Tangents*, 2019.

Arriving at Suprematism: ‘Zaum’ and the Alogical Praxis of Kazimir Malevich’s Cow and Violin,” *Stanford Tangents*, 2019.

“Trousers That Are Not Trousers: The Primacy of Materiality in Balzac’s Paris,” *Western Tributaries*, 2019.

STANFORD NEWS & NEWSLETTERS

“America’s Future in Taiwan,” *APARC News*, November 10, 2021.

“How to Solve the North Korean Conundrum: The Role of Human Rights in Policy Toward the DPRK,” *APARC News*, October 29, 2021.

“Ban Ki-moon Urges Global Cooperation to Address Twin Crises of Climate Change, COVID-19,” *APARC News*, September 29, 2021.

“Mongolian Parliamentary Delegation Discusses the Nation’s Democratic Future,” *APARC News*, September 20, 2021.

CREEES Chronicle, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

“A Piece of REEES-CiS: A New Club Adapts to the Virtual Environment,” *CREEES News*, May 11, 2020.

“Stu McLaughlin Awarded Boren Fellowship to Study in Kazakhstan,” *CREEES News*, May 4, 2020.

CREEES Chronicle: 50th Anniversary Edition, 2019.

“Norman Naimark recasts the post-World War II division of Europe in ‘Stalin and the Fate of Europe’,” *CREEES News*, October 28, 2019.

“More Than Yurts, Yaks, and Genghis Khan: A Volunteer’s Vision of Central Asia,” *CREEES News*, December 17, 2018.

“Undergraduate Lena Zlock Digitally Maps Voltaire’s Library at The Hermitage,” *CREEES News*, November 5, 2018

CREATIVE & HUMOR PUBLICATIONS

“Eucalyptus,” *Tuff Poems*, 2020.

“Vessel Zine,” 2018.

“Granular Synthesis,” *Leland Quarterly*, 2018.

“Propagule,” *Rumble Fish Quarterly*, 2018.

“42 Letters Zine,” 2017.

“Kava,” *Rumble Fish Quarterly*, 2017.

“Losers Aren’t Lost Zine,” 2016.

“Resounding Pulse,” *Jefferson Journal*, 2015.

“Enlightenment: Now at Participating Starbucks Locations,” *The Cavalier Daily*, 2015.

“Bernie Sanders: D.D.S.,” *The Cavalier Daily*, 2015.

“Joseph Stalin Has a Few Concerns About the New Roommate,” *McSweeney’s*, 2014.

EXTRACURRICULARS AND HONORS

Student Presentation Award: “The Howling Inferno: Crying Out in Anguish to America,” Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs National Conference, Rice University, 2021.

Poetry Editor, Stanford Tangents, Stanford University, 2021-present.

Stanford Cycling Club, Stanford University, 2019-present.

Editor, Stanford Arts Review, Stanford University, 2017-2020.

On-Air DJ for KZSU 91.1 FM, Jazz, Rock, and Classical, Stanford University, 2016-2019.

Z Society Award, University of Virginia, 2015.

Editor-in-Chief, The Virginia Journal of International Affairs, University of Virginia, 2013-2015.

Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Regular Member, University of Virginia, 2011-2015.

Vice President, Model UN team, Model UN Conference Committee Chair, International Relations Organization, University of Virginia, 2011-2015.

Founding Member and Senior Editor, Virginia Undergraduate Law Review, University of Virginia, 2014-2015.

On-Air DJ for WXTJ 100.1FM and WTJU 90.1 FM, Jazz, Rock, and Classical, University of Virginia, 2012-2015.

Finalist: TEDxUVA Student Speaker Competition, 2014.

ULink Peer Academic Advisor, University of Virginia, 2014-2015.

Moderator, Sustained Dialogue, University of Virginia, 2013-2015.

Dean’s List, University of Virginia, 2013-2015.

Student Astronomical Society, 2013-2015.

History Department Representative to Undergraduate Research Network, University of Virginia, 2013-2015.

1st Place, Poe Cup for Literature, Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, University of Virginia, 2014.

Hot Kids Sketch Comedy, University of Virginia, 2012-2014.

Outdoors Club, University of Virginia, 2011-2014.

1st Place, Spring Oratory Competition, Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, University of Virginia, 2013.

Ultimate Frisbee Team, University of Virginia, 2011-2012.

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, 2010.

Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, 2008.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES & CONFERENCE PLANNING

Annual Alexander Dallin Lecture, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, Stanford University, 2018, 2019, 2021.

Annual Stanford-Berkeley Conference on Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies & UC Berkeley Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2018, 2019, 2021.

CREES 50th Anniversary Conference: Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies at Stanford in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, Stanford University, 2019.

Film Festival: Images of 1969, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, Stanford University, 2019.

Conference: Redefining Eastern Europe: Norman Naimark and the Shaping of a Scholarly Generation, 2019.

Conference: The Communist Century: New Studies in Revolution, Resistance and Radicalism, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, Stanford University, 2018.

Virginia Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Virginia, 2014.

Virginia International Crisis Simulation, University of Virginia, 2012, 2013.

Virginia Model United Nations Conference, University of Virginia, 2012, 2013, 2014.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Surfrider Foundation: San Mateo

Boys and Girls Club: Mid-Peninsula

SF/Marin Regional Food Bank

Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy Volunteer

LANGUAGES

French (intermediate knowledge); Italian (beginner knowledge).

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

Submission date: 27 February 2023, 4:46PM
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Personal Information

Name	Nanci L Howe
Address	
City	
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Home Phone Number	
Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

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Palo Alto Weekly

Other: NextDoor and probably others

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B.A. Art Education and M.A. Higher Education.

45 years experience in student affairs, including campus recreation at Vassar College, Cal Poly, Pomona and Stanford.

38 years in multiple student affairs roles at Stanford, most recently as Associate Dean and Student Activities. Oversaw all student organization activities and events, advised student government, oversaw campus activity spaces and served as point person for campus protests/free speech issues. Extensive involvement and oversight of recreation related student groups (club sports, outdoor activities, ski club, surf club etc). In-depth knowledge of risk and liability issues, motivating and overseeing volunteers, space management and balancing many, and often, competing needs.

Retired. Current volunteer activities include Master Gardener of Santa Clara County, Canopy (inc. Great Oak Count of Palo Alto) and County Elections Aide. Informally work with refugees and food insecurity. Interests inc. hiking, birding, gardening.

Company/Employer Name

Retired. Last employer: Stanford University.

Occupation

Retired. Formally College Administrator in Student Affairs.

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Last Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Local Girl Scout Leader, 1995-1998.

Palo Alto Family YMCA Board Member, 2000-2001.

Canopy Volunteer, 2017-present. Involvement: Tree plantings, Great Oak Count of Palo Alto and participation in Urban Forestry Program, 2022.

Santa Clara County Elections Aide and Voting Center Lead, 2020-present.

Master Gardener of Santa Clara, 2022-present.

Training program completed in 2022. Involvement in County Help Desk and local talks to organizations in Santa Clara County.

Refugee Resettlement Village. 2021-present. Informal organization that works with Jewish Family Services of Santa Clara to settle refugees in the County.

Involvement in soliciting non-cash donations and organizing holiday food baskets.

"Get Out the Vote" initiatives through Center for Common Ground. National, non-partisan organization working to empower under-represented voters nationally. Volunteer.

Access Books Bay Area. Volunteer.

Application Questions

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I have extensive involvement in campus recreation, groups and spaces. At Stanford, I oversaw campus recreation spaces (bowling, outdoor recreation center, Lake Lagunita and outdoor program spaces). I oversaw about 100 recreation related student groups focussed on a broad range of interests: martial arts, ski, surf, climbing, frisbee, dance, trips, youth camping, even bee-keeping. I have experience and training in risk management, volunteer engagement and oversight , working with minors, DEI, facilities and new initiatives. I understand the nuances of managing scarce resources, and at times, conflicting needs. I have a lifetime interest in the outdoors inc. hiking, walking, camping, birding and gardening. My husband is an avid biker. I am devoted to open space as a means for solace and positive mental health. My Canopy involvement and Urban Forestry training are assets.

As 32 year resident I used many of parks and recreation offerings. I especially love and use the Baylands.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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There are many. The one that most closely fits my interests and experience is the tree ordinance and the urban forestry plan. As a lifelong nature enthusiast, I have long been devoted to plants, wildlife and trees, especially native habitats. I enthusiastically support the mission and goals of Canopy and have been a volunteer. I am an avid gardener and new Master Gardener, especially interested in preserving and enhancing native habitats. The changes in the tree ordinance plan were long overdue and will help maintain Palo Alto's tree canopy (I participated in a zoom public comment session prior to its passing). I support an urban forestry plan and would like to see Palo Alto work in tandem with other nearby communities. I am interested in seeing a greater city commitment to native habitats beyond trees, to include shrubs and other perennials that support insects, bees and birds. Side note: Last summer I catalogued 500 oak trees as a volunteer for Palo Alto's Great Oak Count.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I hope to offer my past work and volunteer experiences in setting goals and making decisions, thoughtfully, fairly and with an eye to the future. Palo Alto has excellent programs and services, but cannot accommodate all needs. I understand how to broadly seek community input and to thoughtfully evaluate many, and at times, competing needs with an eye to what the future Palo Alto will and should be.

Beyond this, I am interested in:

- Ensuring all residents, and especially those in less well-served, areas have access to services/programs.**
- Ensuring participants represent the full diversity of our city.**
- Increased support of native habitats in city lands.**
- Preservation of native species, especially in the Baylands, through education and effective management.**
- Development of a land acknowledgement for Palo Alto lands, especially our open spaces and parks.**
- Meaningful connections with a broad set of community partners and nearby communities.**
- To advise and support the staff.**

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4. Parks and Recreation Commission Members work **No direct involvement** with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection.

[Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan \(2017\)](#)

Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (2017): [Community Services and Facilities Element](#) & [Natural Environment Element Baylands Master Plan \(2008\)](#)

[Park Dedication Ordinance \(Municipal Code\)](#)

[Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan \(2012\)](#)

[Youth Master Plan \(2003\)](#)

[Cubberley Community Advisory Committee Report \(2013\)](#)

[Concordia Master Plan \(2019\)](#)

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

Please confirm that you have read the Boards and Commissions Handbook. **Yes**

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Signature

Name of signatory: Nanci Howe

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02/27/2023

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Niklas Miles Goodman
Address	
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Home Phone Number	
Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
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Fair Political Practices

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**Palo Alto Weekly
Daily Post**

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Personal and Job Experience

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration. If describing work experience, please include company/employer name and occupation.

My name is Miles Goodman; I'm a recent graduate from the University of San Francisco and a lifelong Palo Alto resident. I currently work as a Team Leader at Philz Coffee, but I have experience in environmental preservation & sustainability efforts in San Francisco as well as community organizing in Palo Alto.

Company/Employer Name

Philz Coffee

Occupation

Team Lead Manager

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

**Campaign Marketing Assistant for Julie Lythcott-Haims / Nicole Chiu-Wang
Teen Wellness Committee Member, Children's Health Council
Steering Committee Member, Palo Alto Forward
Alumni Panelist & Arts Education Advocate, PAUSD**

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

I'm looking for ways to get involved in my community and environmental preservation has always been one of my interests, even though my career has taken a different direction. Ensuring Palo Alto's parks and natural preserves are accessible for all to enjoy would be a great way to give back to this community.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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It's on the docket for the March 7th meeting but I think the discussion of a Community Wellness Center is critical and directly ties into a lot of the work I've done to ensure folks have resources. Most of my research has focused on mental health resource accessibility in Bay Area high schools and connecting community members with alternative intervention measures such as allcove.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

My family moved to Palo Alto when I was 10 for its amazing schools. That was over half my lifetime ago, and now it's time that I use my voice and platform as a young renter in this city to ensure that folks moving to Palo Alto to start families also have the best possible outdoor resources to enjoy.

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I'm familiar with both the Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan and the Cubberley Report from 2013, but since it's been a while since I looked at both documents I would be happy to refresh my own memory.

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[Cubberley Community Advisory Committee Report \(2013\)](#)

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If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please [Resume 2023 \(1\).pdf](#) upload below.

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Signature

Name of signatory: Niklas Miles Goodman



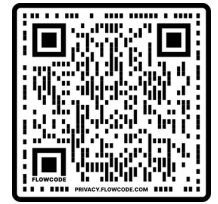
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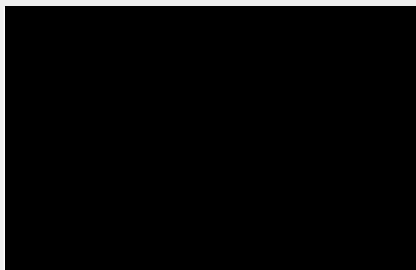


Miles Goodman



**Social/Political Psychology Researcher,
Barista, & Community Organizer**

CONTACT ME



EDUCATION

University of San Francisco

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology | 3.80 GPA

2020 - 2022 Dean's List, Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Foothill College

Associate in Arts, Psychology | 3.88 GPA

2018 - 2020 Dean's List, Fall 2018-Summer 2020



Foothill College

Certificate of Achievement, Humanities | 3.88 GPA

2019 - 2020 Dean's List, Fall 2019-Summer 2020

McGrath Scholar • Humanities Mellon Scholar

SKILLS

Research Design	<div><div></div></div>
Digital Marketing	<div><div></div></div>
Team Management	<div><div></div></div>
Policy Analysis	<div><div></div></div>
Public Relations	<div><div></div></div>
Non-English Languages	<div><div></div><div><div></div></div></div> <div><div></div><div><div></div></div></div>

WORK EXPERIENCE

MISCI-CE Social Contact Intervention Assistant

1.2022 - 6.2022

University of California, San Francisco

Assisted with the Memory & Aging Center's MISCI (Multi-modal Intergenerational Social Contact Intervention) development and collaboration with other organizations within the city of San Francisco, as well as its efforts to study the effect of intergenerational friendships in older adults at risk for Alzheimer's disease. Attended weekly cohort meetings to discuss developments in our elder-student partnerships. Responsible for clerical data entry and analysis, community outreach, and independent research on the usage of receptive Music Therapy as an intervention strategy for older adults with early-onset dementia.

Team Lead Manager

8.2021 -

Philz Coffee

Joined Philz Coffee with three years of prior experience as a barista (formerly employed at Peet's Coffee & Boba Guys) as part of the leadership team responsible for reopening the Salesforce Transbay location after its closing due to COVID-19. Responsible for memorization and education of 25+ handcrafted coffee recipes, day-to-day people development initiatives, inventory monitoring in conjunction with six nearby locations, cash handling, and interpersonal conflict resolution when it arose. Transferred to the Forest Avenue location in Palo Alto in May 2022 due to university graduation and residency change.

Director of Research Development

5.2021 -

Mental Health Action Project

Responsible for overseeing undergraduate research team at a student-led nonprofit aiming to shift the narrative of mental health from broad awareness towards action. Tasked with understanding the impact of MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) training and its potential implementation as part of the orientation process at several California community colleges. Conducted thorough policy analysis on key pieces of state legislation related to public health and higher education, approved independent research projects, and led the process of applying for several grants as a means of securing funding for MHFA training fees.

Transfer Student Representative

3.2021-12.2021

ASUSF Undergraduate Senate

Appointed as Senator-designate to represent USF's transfer student population in February of 2021; ran for election to a full term in April 2021 and defeated challenger by 10-point margin. Served as voting member on Senate's committees on Internal Affairs and Marketing. Authored the AMTRAC Act to acknowledge A.B. 928 and reform transfer credit criteria in Humanities & STEM, and drafted Survivor's Bill of Rights to update counseling practices & increase accountability for mandatory reporters. Oversaw the implementation of a holistic Credit Evaluation System and the Student Pathways Workgroup, a collaborative effort from several administrative members to support non-traditional students.

VOLUNTEERING & CERTIFICATIONS

Nicole Chiu-Wang for Palo Alto School Board

CITI Human Subjects
Research Training

Julie Lythcott-Haims for Palo Alto City Council

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)
Suicide Prevention

USFCA Votes

Palo Alto Forward, Steering Committee

CHC Teen Wellness Committee, 2017-18

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

Submission date: **24 April 2022, 5:26PM**
Receipt number: **39**
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Personal Information

Name **Sanjay Hortikar**

Address

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Cell Phone Number

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Email Address

Are you a Palo Alto resident?

Yes

Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?

No

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Alternate Contact Information - Address

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Alternate Contact Information - Email

[REDACTED]

Personal and Job Experience

Please list your relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, and professional registration.

(621 characters max)

**Education: PhD in Physics, MS in Computer Science
University of California Santa Barbara**

More relevant to the outdoors:

- Avid hiker, climber, backpacker with extensive experience backpacking, hiking in the Eastern Sierras, Yosemite, California deserts
- Mountaineering experience from training in WA; worked with Bay Area Mountain Rescue Unit briefly
- EMT trained in Santa Barbara county
- Have hiked in all parts of Palo Alto, Bay Area since 2005

Employment Information

Company/Employer Name

Google Inc

Occupation

Engineering Manager/Senior Staff Software Engineer

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

(1311 characters max)

I have not been directly involved or held offices and think I would like to be

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

(1449 characters max)

As I mentioned in my the experience/education section, I have extensive experience and a deep passion for the outdoors. I am constantly in city open space preserves hiking with my kids & dog. I have been hiking around Palo Alto since 2005 and would like to contribute to my community in this role. I have ideas about making the outdoors even more accessible and well preserved for the community and would like to contribute.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

(1449 characters max)

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I'm interested in fire mitigation efforts for Foothill Park and Arastradero Preserve (and other areas). As a frequent (often daily) visitor to these areas I have an interest in contributing to these efforts, especially as the fire season keeps growing longer and more dangerous.

In addition, I'd like to help with exploring funding opportunities for these and other efforts for parks in Palo Alto. It seems looking for private sector contributions would also be possible as part of environmental efforts of companies with office here.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?

(1656 characters max)

The main areas of interest for me are

- Expanding our open space preserves , parks and how to explore funding opportunities to preserve them for the future, via community programs for support as well as fire mitigation & other preservation efforts to protect native species and forest habitats.**
- I would like to explore private funding opportunities for open space preserves & parks, in addition to federal/state grants. As we saw with the great interest in Foothills park when it was opened up to non-residents, there is enough public interest in our open space preserves to generate support.**
- Expanding dog-friendly areas, given the increase in dog ownership over the Covid pandemic will increase public interest and support for these programs, too**
- Bike and pedestrian path & program enhancements to contribute to community health as well the environment**

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(483 characters max)

I have looked at the Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan (2017) in the context of the plan for Foothill park expansion and plans to add more parks.

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Sanjay Hortikar



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04/24/2022

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	shani Kleinhaus
Address	
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I currently serve on the Palo Alto Parks and Recreation Commission. I have Ph.D. in Ecology, from UC Davis.

Company/Employer Name

Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society and CBRE

Occupation	Environmental Advocate and Project Manager (Ecology)
Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?	Current Employer
Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.	I have been working for the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society as the organization's Environmental Advocate for over 10 years. In that function, I have served on multiple Parks, Open Space and Recreation planning efforts (from master plans to neighborhood parks), Citizens Advisory groups and other environmental task forces, focus groups and stakeholder groups throughout Santa Clara County. In Palo Alto, in addition to my current role as a Parks and Rec Commissioner, I served on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan update, and have been a stakeholder in the development of the Parks, Trails, Natural Open Space & Recreation Master Plan. I contributed to many other planning efforts that focus on parks and open space, the urban forest, and other environmental issues.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

Palo Altans are fortunate to have parks and open space that span from the foothills to the Bay, and an urban forest that residents value and enjoy. I am interested in many of the functions of the Commission, but my education, experience and interests focus on nature and biodiversity, balancing access and nature in open space preserves, and the urban forest.
2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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During my year+ of service, I served on ad-hoc committees (Electronic Conveyance, Park Dedication) and as a liaison for Urban Forest, Foothills Park and the Baylands Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Some of this work is expected to continue.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I hope we continue to balance access and recreation with the protection of nature in open space preserves. It would be good if we can identify and even fund additional habitat conservation and restoration opportunities. We should also pay more attention to lighting the impacts of light at night on environmental and human health. In addition, I am glad we moved ahead with the expansion of the Skating bowl at Greer park, and hope the commission should research ways to create opportunities for "fun" facilities and activities for youth.

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I was on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (2017) and a stakeholder in the preparation of the Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan (2017). I am familiar with the Park Dedication Ordinance (Municipal Code) and the Concordia Master Plan (2019). I am also familiar with the Urban Forest and Tree Protection ordinance. I have some understanding of the Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan (2012) and the Cubberley Community Advisory Committee Report (2013), and should spend more time on the Youth Master Plan (200

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Yes

Signature

Name of signatory: Shani Kleinhaus

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02/25/2023

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name **Sierra R Peterson**

Address

City

Postal Code

Cell Phone Number

Home Phone Number

Email Address

Are you a Palo Alto resident? **Yes**

Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members? **No**

Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for? **Yes**

Fair Political Practices

No

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No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission? **Email from the City**

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Personal and Job Experience

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Design for Delight Educator (2022)
BNY Mellon Student Fellow (2020-2021)
Legal Assistant Intern (2017-2021)
Events planning and management experience (2016-2023)
Grant writing experience (2021-2023)

Company/Employer Name

Enactus United States

Occupation

Regional Program Manager II

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Enactus Student Advisory Council 1 year
SURJ Billings Chapter Leader 1 year (MT)
Rocky Mountain College Student leader 3 years (MT)

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

The Parks and Recreation Commission interests me as it advises the City Council on policy relating to Palo Alto's parks. As a renter with no backyard and an active member of the Palo Alto community, I utilize our parks on a weekly basis. I enjoy spending time in our parks playing tennis, pickleball, picnicking, and attending the twilight concerts. I have spent significant time enjoying Johnson, Rinconada, Mitchell, and Foothills park. It is increasingly important for individuals across Palo Alto like myself with no outdoor space of their own to have access to our parks, and for those parks to be kept in good condition. This was especially evident during the pandemic. I found myself utilizing the space while working remotely just to get some fresh air. Green space is crucial to health and wellness and our parks are a jewel of Palo Alto. I would aim to protect our parks and ensure that everyone in Palo Alto has the opportunity for recreation and green space if elected to the commission.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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The Mitchell Park Racquet Court Policy from the November 22, 2022 meeting has been intriguing to me as a player of both sports. The shared usage of courses at Mitchell Park between pickleball and tennis players has created points of contention between both sides and if appointed to the commission I would aim to assist in bridging the gap for all those involved. I have been one of the unfortunate members of the tennis community who has had to travel to several locations in search of an open court, simultaneously I have had to wait longer than an hour for a pickleball court due to lack of enough courts. I would like to see the evaluation and 6 month policy change plan moving forward and the development of continued ideation that maximizes court time for all users. I think it is important to develop a new system of shared courts to best serve both tennis and pickleball players.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

If appointed, one goal I would like the Parks and Recreation Commission to achieve is the establishment and implementation of more events in the Palo Alto Parks. The summer concerts in the park are fantastic and bring the community together. The fourth of July event at Mitchell Park is another example of a great event held in our parks. As an experienced events planner I believe my skills would serve the Commission well in creating more outdoor and open space events. Another goal I would like the Commission to achieve would be continued development of waste management. Keeping the parks clean is crucial to the health and survival of our green space and I'd like the opportunity to assist in developing resources to encourage those using the parks to keep the space clean, safe and accessible for others. If appointed I would also like to see new parks and recreational spaces created.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection.

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[Youth Master Plan \(2003\)](#)

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[Concordia Master Plan \(2019\)](#)

I have read through several of the documents but I do not have any formal experience with them.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please [upload](#) below. [Sierra Peterson RPM Resume PR APP.docx](#)

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Yes

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Signature

Name of signatory: Sierra R. Peterson

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02/26/2023



Education

- Rocky Mountain College, Billings, MT

Major: Business Administration, Minors: Small Business Administration and Economics
graduation April 26, 2021.

Involvement

- Enactus Rocky Mountain College President 2 years
- Enactus 2021 BNY Fellow 1 year
- Enactus Student Advisory Council 1 year
- SURJ Billings Chapter Leader 1 year
- Rocky Mountain College Student leader 3 years
- Rocky Mountain College Presidential Scholarship, RMC Grant
- Emergency Medical Responder 4 years
- 4-H Member/ President 8 years
- Junior Fair Board and Junior Leadership 5 years
- Outstanding Player Award & All Academic Award
- Cory-Rawson FFA member 3 years
- Cory-Rawson FCCLA member 3 years

Work Experience and Skills

Enactus Regional Program Manager II *(June 15, 2021- current)*

- Manage, evaluate and foster the progress of active Enactus teams
- Identify prospective university participants and partner companies

- Compile, produce, and analyze territory data
- Collaborate with Enactus USA and Enactus Global on events and other team goals

Student Secretary to RMC Dean of Students Office *(September 2018- May 2021)*

- Liaison to students
- Tasks including answering phone, email organization and response, filing and sorting paperwork, confidential information source, general knowledge source to the campus as well as outside community members and affiliates
- Schedule meetings and events for the Dean of Students and the Student Life Team

Arbonne Independent Consultant *(April 2019 - Present)*

- Use social media to encourage sales, manage inventory, expand customer base
- Educate and inspire others in health and wellness techniques

Lead Resident Advisor/Area Resident Director *(May 2019 - May 2021)*

- Work closely with team members to ensure safety, security, and a sense of camaraderie throughout campus
- Perform nightly rounds to ensure policy standards and campus safety.
- Report any findings in a detailed nightly log
- Enforce RMC policy and report any policy violations through the appropriate channels
- Use creativity to make bulletin boards applicable to students
- Event coordination and participation
- Ensure clear and efficient means of communication.
- Create and facilitate student events (Egg Hunt, Minute To Win It Game Night, Summer BBQ)
- Manage roommate conflicts and expectations
- Cultivate relationships between students through group and school events
- Cultivate relationships with staff members
- Connect with students and serve as an leader and place to go within the living community

Granite Peak Veterinary Hospital *(July 2019- January 2021)*

- Answer phones, Schedule appointments
- Manage customer intake and outtake
- Relay information between Doctors, Technicians, Clients, and Representatives
- Opening tasks including cleaning and organization of front end
- Closing tasks including bank deposits, preparing next day files and organizing end of day front end
- Promoted from receptionist to kennel technician to veterinary assistant
- Clean and maintain kennels and animal wellness
- Speak to clients establishing background and potential treatment, relay information to Doctors
- Provide medical care to animals including vaccines, routine maintenance, assisting surgeries, x-rays, and dosage of medications

Vans Evergreen IGA Grocery Stocker/Key Holder *(February 2017- July 2019)*

- Grocery Stocker with cross training in multiple departments
- Closing tasks including cash management, employee supervision, and store facility condition
- Promoted to Key Holder Position
- Assist in several manager duties (cross trained in multiple aspects, serve as temporary manager for various departments)
- Assist in emergency protocol including alerting emergency personnel, crisis management, administer emergency medical treatment

References

- Karen Beiser (Enactus Advisor) [REDACTED]
- Lisa Wallace (Enactus Advisor) [REDACTED]
- Brad Nason (Dean of Students) [REDACTED]
- Kristin Mills (Dean of Students Secretary) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- Shaydean Saye (Director of Residence Life) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Star Teachout
Address	
City	
Postal Code	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

Fair Political Practices

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How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission?

Other: A current Planning & Transportation commissioner

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- Arastradero, Foothills, Baylands park user (hiking, running)
- PAUSD PTA Green Team - 2007 onward (up through middle school/before COVID) with some breaks here and there--this involvement started with planning and assisting with the Barron Park Elementary school garden (2007-2015), running lunch time activities and classroom lessons; Terman/Fletcher Middle School Green teams (planting, zero waste, Earth Day events, etc)
- Involvement with city sponsored sports as a parent of participating youth (soccer, baseball, x-country, wrestling) and recreation classes (children's science camps, adult school photography, knitting)
- Sustainable Schools Committee attendee (not an official member, but a concerned, contributing citizen)
- BS/MS in Mechanical Engineering
- Credentialed English teacher (with supplementaries in industrial arts, psychology, art, science--granted due to MS degree)

Company/Employer Name

Palo Alto Unified School District

Occupation

substitute teacher

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Most of my extra energy has gone into our schools, and much of that advocacy has been in bridging the divide between staff and our district office. I was on Gunn's first Challenge Success team (2013), the Gunn Cite Council (2020), and parent education related to the community college pathway. I have occasionally gotten involved in Safe Routes to Schools plans (community input workshops), spoken/written on issues coming before the city related to housing and the environment. This would be my first foray into formal involvement with the city of Palo Alto.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

We are nearing the end of our time in PAUSD (20 of 21 years), and I'm exploring other ways to contribute. I am someone who wants to use our city's resources (beautiful parks, interesting classes, interesting people with advanced degrees, good leadership) to bring more people together, especially those who are less affluent and/or feel isolated in our high tech, status-driven, environmentally-stressed world. Perhaps unrealistic, but I feel strong city structures (including commissions) can be anchors for people and lead the way to healthier ways of living. Many of our high school youth are detached from our city and their own lives. I would imagine there is a lot of loneliness in our elderly population too. We have opportunities to rethink consumption and perhaps shift some of those creative/consumptive desires towards expanded interactions/connections with people and our natural world. In this way our commission's purpose includes education. One wonders, is it the heart of our city?

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

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Dog parks are an interesting topic because they not only serve the dogs but also help to socialize their owners too! I would imagine there are quite a few schools who would like to reduce the use of their playgrounds by dogs due to unobservant owners failing to pick up their fecal deposits. There are also many rescue dogs who need a controlled area with which they can play under supervision. Dogs are an important part of our families, and bring many benefits to young and older people alike with their unconditional love.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

- 1. Building a stronger coalition between our schools and city--building a city gym that provides recreation to those who cannot afford a private club membership, but also to bring a diversity of people together. Would love to see a teen center for older teens included in the gym complex, which provides expanded art/craft/music opportunities for older teen residents. Could we share resources--eg, open court time in our high school basketball courts, open summer pools?**
- 2. Would like to expand the city-wide garage sale concept to a city wide_____ event happening every month or two (basketball games, knitting circles, card/board games, more repair cafes, whatever students and older adults would be tempted by).**
- 3. Offering city-sponsored summer dances for teens (adults too :)).**
- 4. Continued expansion of cycling around town--bike groups/pools.**
- 5. Advocate for the PA Utilities water-usage survey to include energy and garbage.**
- 6. Expansion of recreation courses; some on HS campuses.**

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• **Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan (2017)**--mainly knowledgeable of the key findings

• **Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan (2012)**--I participated in one of the community outreach workshops

• **Youth Master Plan**--mainly just keeping tabs on what their doing and who it serves (eg, MakeX space)

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please [DSC01993.jpg](#) upload below.

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Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Sunny K Paul
Address	
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Postal Code	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

Fair Political Practices

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No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission? **Other: Facebook**

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I work as a Senior Manager Analytics for a Beauty product company called Sephora. My job is to look at data to see how I can improve the client experience that is helpful both for the clients as well as my organization. I am a problem solver who is able to look in to the cause and effect to get favorable outcomes

Company/Employer Name

Sephora

Occupation

Senior Manager Analytics

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

As a parent of a 9 year old kid, I am active in all her activities within the park and school. I was the room parent in her school gathering feedbacks from parents to improve overall. I play tennis with her and have organized tennis players group in her elementary school for parents to connect and have play dates around tennis.

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

We moved to Palo Alto 3 years ago and are thankful for the PA parks. I feel the parks key part of our community. There are a few ways the parks can be improved.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

I am new to the community and have not participated in the meetings. I would like to participate in the future.

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3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

I would like to identify what we are probably missing in the parks.

- 1. How can we maximize use of our Tennis courts. Maybe we can implement tennis court reservation like some of our neighborhood districts have done. This would ensure that only Palo Alto residents are using the courts and there is no abuse in usage**
- 2. Streamline the park reservation system so that people can reserve in advance and parents are not anxious if they want to set up their kids birthday**
- 3. Look at developing new opportunities. Like golf driving range, cricket, baseball, etc.**
- 4. Improve access to aquatic facility**

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NA

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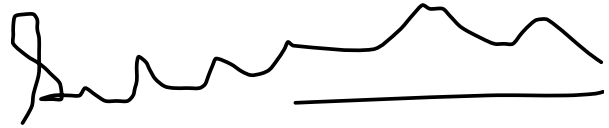
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Signature

Name of signatory: Sunny K Paul

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02/28/2023

Parks & Recreation Commission Application

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Personal Information

Name	Yudy Deng
Address	
City	
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Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Email Address	
Are you a Palo Alto resident?	Yes
Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members?	No
Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for?	Yes

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No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission?

Email from the City

Other: Attended Parks and Rec Commission monthly Tuesday meetings

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Career

Investor Relations Director, 01/2021 to present @Ark7 Inc - Palo Alto, CA

Executive Account Manager, 01/2020 to 06/2021

@Afficient Academy Inc - San Jose, CA

Marketing Executive, 04/2018 to 12/2019 @Power Valley - San Francisco, CA

Owner and Lead Instructor, 08/2011 to 03/2018 @

FIT4MOM Bellevue & Mercer Island - Seattle, WA

Management Trainee-Supply Chain Financial Analyst, 03/2008 to 05/2010 @AkzoNobel – Shanghai, China

Education

Master of Science: Economics, Finance, &

Management, 2006 to 2008 @University of Bristol - Bristol, UK

Bachelor of Business Administration:

Accounting/ACCA, 2002 to 2006 @Shanghai Jiaotong University - Shanghai, China

Exchange Student: Accounting, 2004 @City University of Hong Kong - Hong Kong

Certifications

CPR certified through American Heart Association, 2019

Fitness Instructor Certificate through FIT4MOM, 2018
Certificate in Food, Nutrition, and Health from the University of Washington, 2017

Company/Employer Name

Ark7 Inc.

Occupation

Investor Relations Director

Is your Company/Employer your current one or last?

Current Employer

Please describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations, including dates and any offices held.

Over the years, I have been actively involved in various community organizations. For example, I was a board member of the Parks & Community Services Board in Bellevue, WA, from 2016 to 2018. My passion for civic engagement continued in Palo Alto as I led my family and several Asian American sports groups in donating \$10,000 towards the renovation of Cubberley Community Track and Field. Our effort was recognized by City staff and commissioners and also featured by Palo Alto weekly in the summer of 2022. As a dedicated leader in the nonprofit sectors, I served as the VP of Ways and Means for both Ohlone PTA (current) and Duveneck PTA (2019). In addition, I was honored to be elected president of my university's alumni association (2020-2021) and associate board member for the Silicon Valley Leadership Community (current). In these roles, I have organized many social events and fundraisers to connect community members. It was extremely fulfilling to volunteer and serve the community!

Application Questions

1. What is it about the Parks and Recreation

Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?

As a passionate advocate for community

development and an active user of Palo Alto's open spaces and community facilities, I am strongly interested in serving on the commission. I bring a solid foundation in the principles of parks and recreation management, having served on the Parks and Community Services Board in Bellevue. During my term on the board, I gained a deep understanding of the challenges and issues faced by the Community Services department, as well as developed the skills and strategies to address these obstacles and improve public spaces.

In addition, I am excited about the opportunity to bring diversity to the commission, as the current lack of an Asian representative concerns me. I believe it is important for all communities to be represented in decision-making bodies and to have a voice in the planning and development of public spaces. As an Asian female, I would be honored to advocate for this community and ensure their needs and interests are considered.

2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it.

Archived video meetings are available from the [Midpen Media Center](#).

I have attended several monthly Tuesday meetings, and the recent one on January 24th, with the topic of Cubberley Community Center Playfields Restroom Addition Project, has drawn my great interest. I regularly run on the track and dance in the studio, my husband plays tennis on the court, and my kids practice soccer on the turf field. Cubberley is our family fitness center. When Sonya Bradski and David Moss forwarded me the survey last summer, I immediately shared it with my running group and my kids' soccer club. Lots of active users of Cubberley expressed their support and concerns. There is no doubt that we need this new public restroom, the challenge is how we address the neighborhood debate on the best location. I would support the staff's recommendation of Location 1 and request additional funds for a larger restroom and a lift station. We can also partner with Friends of Palo Alto Parks to raise another fundraising round to fund this project if possible.

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Parks and Recreation Commission achieve, and how would you help in the process?

1. Improved Accessibility and Inclusivity: PRC can work towards improving access to parks and recreation facilities for all residents, regardless of ability or socio-economic status. This could involve installing accessible amenities, offering programs for under-served populations, and working with community organizations to ensure that all residents have equal access to public spaces.

2. Enhancing Park Maintenance and Upgrades: Parks and recreation facilities should be well-maintained and safe for all users. PRC can work with city staff to identify needed areas and allocate funds and resources to these projects.

3. Fostering Community Engagement: PRC can work to increase public engagement and involvement. This can involve hosting community events, soliciting input on park planning and development, and creating opportunities for volunteerism and community service.

I would work collaboratively and passionately with other members of the PRC and city staff to achieve our shared goals.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission Members work with the documents listed below. If you have experience with any of these documents, please describe that experience. Experience with these documents is not required for selection.

[Parks, Trails, Natural Open Spaces, & Recreation Master Plan \(2017\)](#)

Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan (2017): [Community Services and Facilities Element](#) & [Natural Environment Element Baylands Master Plan \(2008\)](#)

[Park Dedication Ordinance \(Municipal Code\)](#)

[Bicycle - Pedestrian Transportation Plan \(2012\)](#)

[Youth Master Plan \(2003\)](#)

[Cubberley Community Advisory Committee Report \(2013\)](#)

[Concordia Master Plan \(2019\)](#)

The CCAC Final Report 2013 is a comprehensive report on the future of the Cubberley Community Center campus in Palo Alto, California. The report provides recommendations on the future use of the site, considering the community's needs and making recommendations for the future development and management of the campus. I read this report when my family decided to fundraise for the Track and Field Renovation Project last summer. \$10k was raised and donated.

The Palo Alto Parks Master Plan 2018 is a comprehensive report outlining a vision for the future of the city's parks and recreation system. The report provides a detailed analysis of the city's current parks and recreation facilities and makes recommendations for their improvement and future development. The report emphasizes the importance of sustainability, community engagement, and accessibility in the development and management of the city's parks and recreation system. I studied it to prepare myself to apply for the PRC vacancy.

If you'd like to provide any additional documents, please upload below.

[Cubberley Fundraising Project on Palo Alto](#)

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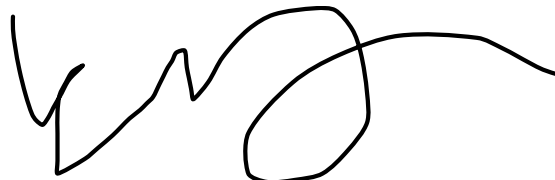
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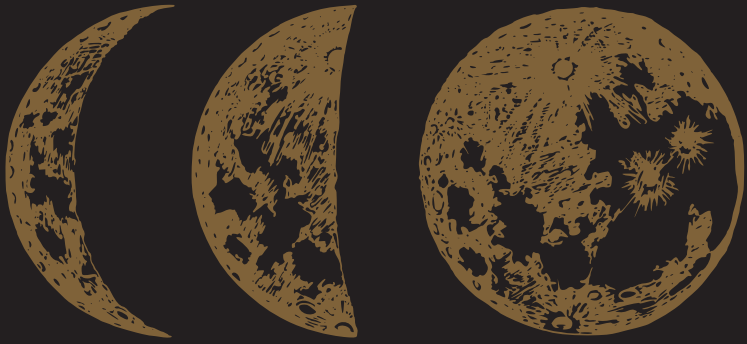
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BURN Running member Yudy Deng, center, jogs with her children, Eva Zhao, left, and Ian Zhao, right, at the Cubberley Community Center track in Palo Alto on Aug. 19, 2022. Photo by Magali Gauthier.

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People take off from the starting line in the 5K walk at the Moonlight Run & Walk at the Palo Alto Baylands on Sept. 17, 2021.

Palo Alto Weekly's annual Moonlight Run & Walk marks 38th year

Fundraising event boasts several routes around Baylands

The 38th annual Palo Alto Weekly Moonlight Run & Walk will be held on Sept. 9 around the Palo Alto Baylands under the full harvest moon.

The event also is taking place virtually in parks, on streets and in neighborhoods near and far for a third consecutive year for participants who prefer to run whenever and wherever they choose.

The annual event, organized by the Palo Alto Weekly and city of Palo Alto, will kick off in person on Friday, Sept. 9, with a 5K walk followed by 5K, 10K and half-marathon races. Virtual participants can complete the race, which kicked off on July 28, on any day between now and Sept. 9.

The annual fundraising event supports the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, which awards grants to nonprofits that serve children and families in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

Last year's event, which included 1,391 runners and walkers from 10 US states, Canada and beyond, raised roughly \$37,000. Race-night registration for all events begins at 5:30 p.m. at Baylands Athletic Center, 1900 Geng Road, Palo Alto. Only Apple Pay and credit cards will be accepted for race-night registration; no cash.

This year, the Moonlight Run's traditional 5K route returns after being rerouted last year to avoid construction along San Francisquito Creek. The route will follow the San Francisquito Creek levee past the north side of the Palo Alto Golf Course and the airport, passing the Baylands Interpretive Center. Longtime participants in the Moonlight Run will be able to run the tried-and-true course once again.

Along with a climbing wall and warmups, the event will feature three food trucks: Cousins Maine



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Participants enjoy warmup exercises before last year's race.

Lobster, The Cookout Fish & Chips and Kiss My Boba. Cousins Maine Lobster is part of a large chain of trucks and restaurants and has been featured on television shows like Shark Tank and Master Chef. A local outfit from Mountain View, The Cookout Fish & Chips serves different kinds of fish, shrimp, chicken strips and wings with many sides. A local Tongan-family-owned food truck, Kiss My Boba, serves boba and other drinks and desserts that have been featured on KQED.

Results of the in-person races will be posted as available on race night at paloaltoonline.com. To maintain fairness to in-person runners, virtual participants will not be eligible for awards and will not be able to submit times.

For more information about the event, go to paloaltoonline.com/moonlight_run/. ■



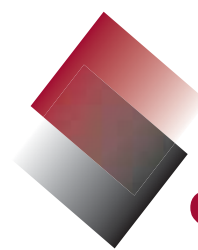
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RACE NIGHT GUIDE

MOONLIGHT RUN & WALK RACE ROUTES

THREE WAYS TO EXPLORE THE BAYLANDS

All events begin and end in the large parking lot next to the Baylands Athletic Center, at the end of Geng Road. Water/aid stations are situated approximately every 2.5 miles, except on the 5K route, where there is one before the 2-mile mark.

5K WALK & RUN

The 5K course follows the San Francisquito Creek levee past the north side of the Palo Alto Golf Course and the airport and after the 1-mile mark turns to the south and passes the Baylands Interpretive Center. The trail then connects with Embarcadero Road just before the 1-mile mark, passes the duck pond and follows Embarcadero west past the airport and golf club. The finish is along Geng Road, back to the Baylands Athletic Center parking lot.

THE 10K RUN & HALF MARATHON

The 10K and half marathon runs each start south along Geng Road from the Baylands Athletic Center parking lot, take a short jog west on Embarcadero Road, then turn south on Faber Way. The course then enters the Baylands and follows a mostly straight paved path that includes a roughly 1-mile stretch next to the East Bayshore frontage road. At the 2-mile mark, where Adobe Creek flows to the bay, the trail turns sharply to the west onto a dirt levee and reaches the first water station. It then traverses the outer reaches of the Baylands, eventually turning back to the north, crossing a slough on a pedestrian bridge and then turning west toward Byxbee Park.

The two runs split at the second water station at about 4.5 miles into the run as the course approaches Byxbee Park.

THE 10K ROUTE

10K runners go straight and follow the Byxbee Park access road back to Embarcadero Road. A small turnaround occurs in front of the small airport terminal and then runners proceed west on Embarcadero Road, back to Geng Road and to the finish.

THE HALF MARATHON ROUTE

Half marathoners turn left at the split (at the second water station) and follow a trail that goes west along a slough that takes runners back to the first leg of the run along East Bayshore Road for a second lap. When they reach the Byxbee Park water station for the second time they turn left again on the Slough Trail. But just past mile 11 and prior to going all the way to East Bayshore Road, the final leg of the half marathon course turns to the north, goes up and down Byxbee Hill and then rejoins the 10K route on the Byxbee Park access road. It does the same turnaround and then follows Embarcadero Road west to Geng Road and the finish. Note: Half marathoners who reach the split at the 9.5 milepost after 9:30 (two hours after the race's 7:30 p.m. start) will be diverted and follow a shorter route to the finish line. ■

—Palo Alto Weekly staff

WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHEN

5:30 p.m. Registration opens. Activities, sponsors' booths and more on the field (*see below*).

6:45 p.m. Pre-walk warmups.

7 p.m. 5K walk begins.

7:15 p.m. Pre-race warmups.

7:30 p.m. Half marathon begins.

8 p.m. Pre-race warmups.

8:15 p.m. 5K run begins.

8:25 p.m. 10K run begins.

8:45 p.m. Food tables open for 5K and 10K runners. Snacks provided by Country Sun Natural Foods, Hobee's and House of Bagels. Coffee provided by Connoisseur Coffee Co.

9:30 p.m. Awards ceremony for the top three finishers in each category. Race results will be posted as available.

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND BOOTHS

- Climbing wall
- JCC instructors will lead warmups
- Sponsor booths: DeLeon Realty, Stanford Federal Credit

- Union, Stanford Health Care, Connoisseur Coffee, Country Sun, Hobee's, House of Bagels
- Information booths



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Volunteers serve refreshments during last year's Moonlight Run & Walk.

RACE RESULTS

Results of the in-person races will be available on computer monitors at the Baylands Athletic Center beginning at around 9:30 p.m. on race night. Results also will be posted online at bit.ly/2022MoonlightRun.

Medals for first-, second- and third-place finishers in each division will be handed out once final results are in, between 9:30 and 10 p.m. They may also be picked up during regular business hours after the race at the Palo Alto Weekly, 450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto.

To maintain fairness to in-person runners, virtual participants will not be eligible for awards and will not be able to submit times.

FASTEST TIMES FROM LAST YEAR

Here's a look at the top Moonlight Run & Walk finishers from each running event in 2021.

5K — Men

First place: Kenji Tella, Palo Alto 16:44
Second place: John Miller, Palo Alto.. 16:51
Third place: Jake Seley, Los Altos17:42
Fourth place: Owen Matejka, Wellesley Hills.....17:45
Fifth place: Kyle Louis, San Jose..... 17:48

5K — Women

First place: Ilan Jen-La Plante, San Jose 19:26
Second place: Nicole Mackey, South New Berlin, New York..... 19:48
Third place: Ariana Peck, Menlo Park 20:20
Fourth place: Alexandra Difede, Palo Alto 21:13
Fifth place: Katy Rees, Menlo Park ... 23:23

10K — Men

First place: Eoin Oconnell, Palo Alto.. 33:57
Second place: Chris Holve, Palo Alto.. 34:12
Third place: Eric Buysse, Los Altos ... 35:20
Fourth place: Tyler Jung, Mountain View 36:52
Fifth place: Nico Ross, Palo Alto 37:19

10K — Women

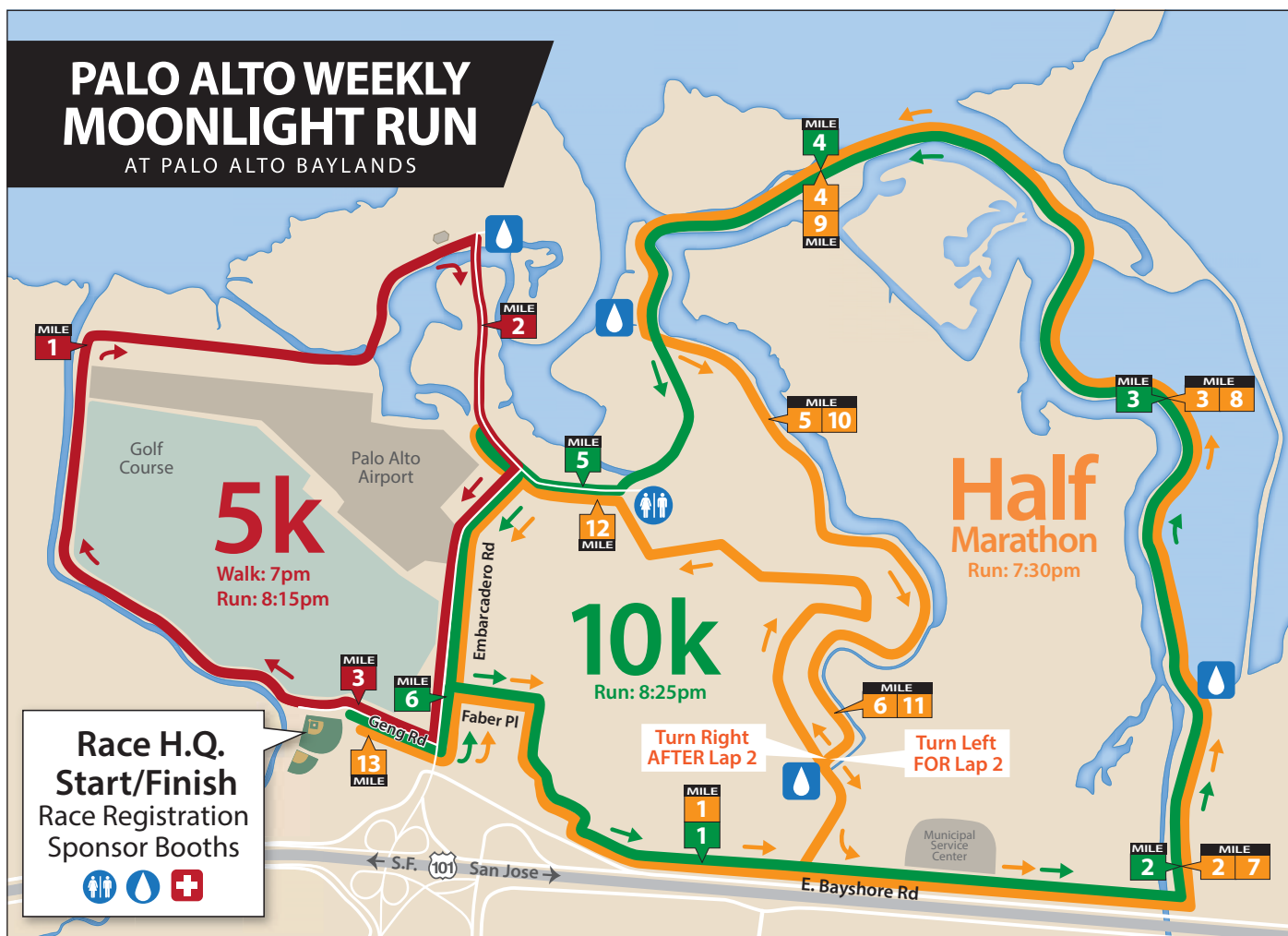
First place: Emma Dohner, Menlo Park 38:53
Second place: Kristina Rivera, San Jose 39:12
Third place: Fenella Scutt, Stanford.. 41:14
Fourth place: Ann Marie Cody, Sunnyvale..... 41:36
Fifth place: Evelyn Gaskin, Palo Alto... 44:28

Half marathon — Men

First place: Adrian Amaral1:20:50
Second place: Andrew Schoenen, Palo Alto1:20:56
Third place: Emile Choghi, Palo Alto1:21:03
Fourth place: Daniel Aminzade, Sunnyvale..... 1:28:38
Fifth place: Bret Samquist, Carson City, Nevada 1:29:55

Half marathon — Women

First place: Riley Hill, Palo Alto 1:42:15
Second place: Amanda Bellomo, Sunnyvale.....1:56:05
Third place: Linnea Bellomo, Sunnyvale.....1:56:05
Fourth place: Melissa Watkins, Sunnyvale..... 1:59:21
Fifth place: Anitra Romfh, Palo Alto 2:00:43





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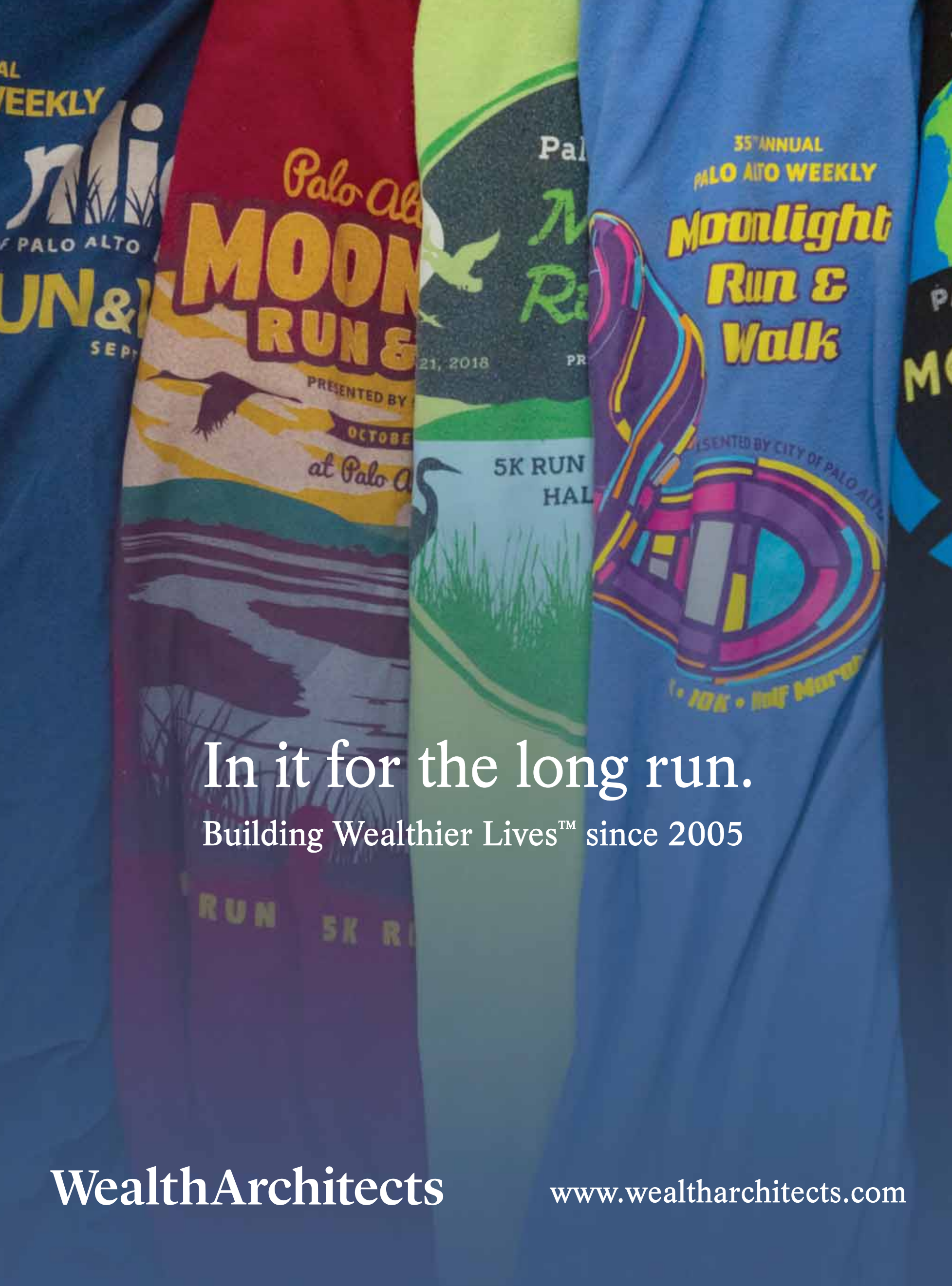


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Bicycle Parking: Bike parking area is available.

Race-night registration: 5K Walk - \$45. 5K Run - \$50. 10K Run - \$50. Half Marathon - \$60.

Check in: Race check-in, sponsor and race headquarters booths, first aid and food/water are on the infield of the Baylands Athletic Center, located at the end of Geng Road.

Starting line: The start and finish of all four events are in the (closed) parking lot at the Baylands Athletic Center. All events will head out south on Geng, turn east on Embarcadero and then head out onto trails and levees south toward Mountain View. (See the course map for more details.)

Storage: Limited checking of small personal bags and backpacks is available.

Pets: Dogs are permitted on the 5K walk but not on any of the runs, where the terrain and darkness make it too dangerous to have them. No retractable leashes. Bring your own cleanup bag.

Strollers: Jogging strollers welcome on the 5K walk or at the back of the runs.

Visibility: Headlamps are highly recommended for all runs. ■

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Members of BURN Running jog side by side at the Cubberley Community Center track in Palo Alto on Aug. 19.

Running connects families, communities, cultures

Participants in this year's Moonlight Run reflect on why they exercise together

By John Bricker

After Yudy Deng moved to Palo Alto in 2018, she settled into the community through running. The mom and marathon runner would routinely train at the Cubberley Community Center's track on most weekday mornings after dropping off her children at school. That's where she met a dozen or so other marathon runners who met up regularly through BURN Running, a group that organizes running meetups with a focus on helping Asian American runners connect within the community.

Deng's morning runs with the group have since morphed beyond the track.

Running, she explained, has helped members of the group who have moved here from other places assimilate to their new surroundings, and now, they want to use the sport to give back to the community they call home.

Through fundraising events, Deng and her running buddies have raised \$10,000 in collaboration with the Asian American Youth Soccer Academy to refurbish the Cubberley track. And as summer winds down, Deng and some of the group's runners are participating in their first Moonlight Run & Walk benefit, which takes place virtually and in person at the

Palo Alto Baylands on Sept. 9, to help raise funds for local nonprofits dedicated to helping kids and families in the Peninsula.

"We want the local community to know that although we're not from here, now we live here ... so we're going to contribute," said Deng, who is taking part in the event virtually.

While running is one way for Deng to connect with her culture and community, for others, it is a way to connect as a family.

Los Altos resident Michelle Bodine, who along with her husband, children and in-laws, also will be participating in the Moonlight Run virtually from the family vacation home in Montana this year, said running and hiking have proved to be a key way for her whole family to spend time together.

The Moonlight Run, in particular, was a family favorite while her children were growing up because it combined their love of running with astronomy, she said.

"As I raised my kids, I taught them lots about the moon and enjoying the night sky, and also about being active and how important it is to exercise," she said.

Even now, as arthritis has made it difficult for her to run, the family still spends time exercising together.

"We love exercising together," she said.

For Palo Alto resident Vivian Neou and her family, the Moonlight Run also is an important tradition. She met her husband while running the Stanford Dish Trail, and she participated in her first Moonlight Run with him. Since then, the couple has never missed the race. The couple's two sons also participate in the annual event. Neou said one year, one of her sons even flew back from the middle of his trip to Japan so he wouldn't miss the event.

"He literally flew back from Japan, ran, then hopped on an airplane to go back to Japan because he was traveling with friends," Neou said.

For local mom Laurie Phillips, the Moonlight Run provides an opportunity for generations of her family to unite. Phillips is planning to participate in the 5K walk with her husband, their children and her parents.

Phillips said she appreciates how the event is welcoming to runners and hikers of all ages and levels of experience.

"It's just wonderful how you can do it with three generations," she said. "That's pretty cool that there are events that everyone can do together." ■



Courtesy Zoe Liu

Andrew and Alex Peng, sons of BURN Running member Zoe Liu, run the Cubberley track, which they trained on before it was refurbished, in 2020.



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BURN Running member Yudy Deng, center, jogs with her children, Eva Zhao, left, and Ian Zhao, right, at the Cubberley Community Center track in Palo Alto on Aug. 19.